

Hafa Adai!

# Saipan Tribune

THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XXIV, Issue No. 126

THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2014

[www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

75¢

Marianas Stars  
Entertainment, Inc.

THE  
PEOPLE  
OF THE  
CNMI  
DESERVE  
BETTER!

[www.marianasstars.com](http://www.marianasstars.com)

LEGEND  
OF THE  
OCEAN

INTEGRATED  
THEME PARK  
&  
CASINO  
RESORT,  
SAIPAN

IT&E  
Life in Motion

Lawmakers OK \$1M for land comp, museum, NMD Corp. **PAGE 2**  
Manglona dismisses SDLLC's lawsuit vs CUC over voided PPA. **PAGE 5**

## Clash of views on number of Saipan casino licenses

- » Governor addresses retirees, as some lawmakers eye more changes to casino law
- » 3,700 petition signatures to put casino question on ballot



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos addresses retirees and former members of the defined benefit plan on the status of the Saipan casino license application process and the planned restoration of deferred 25 percent pension and other obligations, at the Minachom Attdao Pavilion in Susupe last night.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

While there is still a big question whether or not an exclusive Saipan casino license will ever be granted and to whom, some lawmakers led by Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday they are eyeing floor amendments to a bill repealing and reenacting the casino law to allow for the granting of more than one license. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, meanwhile, briefed retirees and former defined benefit plan members last night about the casino license application process, as well as the many "distractions" that snag the restoration of deferred 25 percent pension and payment of withdrawn contributions' interest, among other things.

See CLASH on Page 4

## Best Sunshine seeks to intervene in Marianas Stars lawsuit

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
ferdie.delatorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Casino license applicant Best Sunshine International Ltd. yesterday asked the Superior Court to allow it to intervene in a lawsuit filed by the other casino applicant,

» **Casino applicant moves to dissolve or modify TRO against casino process**

Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc., against the CNMI government.

Best Sunshine International, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, also filed yesterday in Superior Court an emergency motion to dissolve or

See BEST SUNSHINE on Page 4

## ASIANA AIRLINES SAFETY RULE PENALTY

Korean businesses in CNMI seek monetary penalty instead of 7-day flight suspension

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

A petition signed by 120 members of the Korean business community in the CNMI asked the Korean government

to impose monetary fine instead of suspending flights to Saipan for seven days over safety rule violation. The Korean community's sentiment is also reflected in Gov. Eloy S. Inos' separate letter to

See KOREAN on Page 4

**SPEED & STYLE**  
Powered by Reliability, Faster CDMA Speed & Superior Coverage

Saipan: 682-4ITE (4483) • Tinian: 433-0210 • Rota: 532-3599 • Guam: 671-922-4ITE (4483) • [www.ite.net](http://www.ite.net)



Samsung GALAXY S5  
\$399\*

Samsung GALAXY S4  
\$199\*



SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

\*Terms and conditions apply

# Local

## Lawmakers OK \$1M for land comp, museum, NMD Corp.

After a lengthy debate, Saipan lawmakers passed Tuesday a bill appropriating a total of \$1 million in Managaha landing fees—\$800,000 of which is for land compensation, \$100,000 for the NMI Museum of History and Culture, and \$100,000 for a non-profit corporation claiming to represent people of Northern Marianas descent by opposing a court ruling allowing non-NMDs to vote on Article 12 initiatives, opposing the CW program extension, opposing granting of improved status to long-term legal foreign workers in the CNMI, and opposing U.S. military use of Pagan, among other things.

House Local Bill 18-45, Draft 1 now goes to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

But as of yesterday, there's no telling whether the governor will line-item veto the public funds given to private group NMD Corp., similar to what he did with similar bills in the past.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), along with eight other members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, tried yesterday to give the \$100,000 previously proposed for the NMD Corp. to the Saipan Mayor's Office for its public service programs and services specifically the purchase of heavy equipment.

But 11 members voted down Deleon Guerrero's proposed floor amendment at 12:59pm.

They wanted the NMD Corp. to have the \$100,000 so that the private corporation can, among other things, rent office space,

hire people, and carry out the corporation's objectives that include awareness of laws and other public policies affecting NMDs.

As offered previously by Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), the \$100,000 for the NMD Corp. was taken from the total \$900,000 that are supposed to go toward compensating landowners for their lands that the government took for public roads, among other things.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) reiterated his strong opposition to giving funds to a private corporation at a time when the government is juggling money for critical services such as public health and public safety.

House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), for his part, questioned the wisdom of funding a non-profit corporation so it can rent an office, hire personnel, and help register NMDs. He said the Commonwealth Election Commission is already tasked to register NMDs.

"What do we do if another group also proposes (to be funded) and also calls themselves NMDs? Is this body also ready and willing to foot the bill of the other group?" Dela Cruz said. He said the NMD Corp. should instead go to the Marianas Public Land Trust for financial help.

Deleon Guerrero said the NMD Corp. tends to also duplicate the functions of the constitutionally-created Carolinian Affairs Office and the Office of Indigenous Affairs, which are

annually funded.

"I believe this is misguided effort on our part...If we want to support NMDs, we should support these two offices. We don't need to be redundant," the House speaker said.

He then proposed a floor amendment to give the \$100,000 instead to the Saipan Mayor's Office, officials of which were present at the session, including Mayor Marian Tudela.

But Deleon Guerrero's floor amendment got only nine "yes" votes as opposed to 11 "no" votes. Of the 21-member SNILD, only Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) was absent.

The nine "yes" votes to support a \$100,000 funding for the Saipan Mayor's Office were Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan), Vice Speaker Dela Cruz, Speaker Deleon Guerrero, Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

The 11 votes to give \$100,000 to the NMD Corp. came from Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan), House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Ogumoro, Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Tony Agulto (Ind-Saipan),

Rep. Tony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

When it came to the main motion, 14 members voted "yes" to the amended bill appropriating \$1 million for land compensation, the museum and the NMD Corp., while six voted "no."

The House speaker himself voted "yes with serious reservation" on the amended bill that Rep. Tony Benavente authored, along with four other members.

### Nearly \$3M

The Saipan delegation also passed chairman Tebuteb's House Local Bill 18-51, Draft 1, appropriating more than \$2.7 million in bond funds and associated

interest as the governor earlier asked the delegation to consider for use on eight capital improvement projects on Saipan such as for road paving, buying school buses, hospital bed replacements, and equipment purchases.

Speaker Deleon Guerrero offered a written floor amendment that the delegation adopted. The amended bill passed by a vote of 20-0 at 12:03pm.

Of the total appropriated amount of over \$2.7 million, the amended bill gives \$250,000 for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for new hospital beds; \$250,000 for the Public School System's purchase of two new 66-passenger school buses; \$400,000 for Precinct I's vari-

ous CIPs; \$380,000 for Precinct II's various CIPs; \$450,000 for Precinct III's construction of a small amphitheater and related facilities at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan; \$273,969 for Precinct IV's various CIPs; \$600,000 for various Precinct V CIPs including for Kagman road paving; \$100,000 for the Saipan mayor's office; and \$50,000 for Saipan Souther High School's baseball field.

The delegation also passed Rep. Yumul's HLB 18-49, Draft 1 by a vote of 19-1 at 11:58am. The bill appropriates up to \$10,000 in Saipan's developer's infrastructure tax for Saipan programs and projects. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

## 'Obamacare may hurt CNMI in long run'

According to Joeten Kiyu Public Library executive director John Gonzales and CNMI Consumer Assistance Program advocacy officer Kaitylyn Neises-Mocanu, the Affordable Healthcare Act, or Obamacare, will hurt the CNMI in the long run.

Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune* and those who also viewed his show "John Gonzales Live," that ACA will also be implemented to the territories but only in pieces.

Three legs are applied under the ACA, which is market reforms, individual mandate, and employer mandate, but only the market reforms is applied to the CNMI.

Under the ACA, the major goal of it is for "every American" to have affordable, com-

prehensive health insurance.

"It doesn't create a new public health insurance, rather it reformed and regulates private insurance coverage the goal of which mean to improve the quality in lowering the cost of healthcare to extend health insurance to all of U.S citizens," Gonzales said.

"Obviously up north in Canada is universal healthcare and many other countries, so the U.S wanted to reform in order to provide universal healthcare provided where it is feasible to all U.S citizens," Gonzales said.

Mocanu also clarified to *Saipan Tribune* that federal law mandates only "market reforms" for the CNMI.

Which means, that if an insurer wants to sell an insurance

policy in 2014, the insurer must sell coverage to anyone applying in that market.

According to Mocanu, insurance companies run the risk of only insuring the sick which increase claim experience and raises premiums.

Since 2010, insurance companies cannot deny coverage to young adults on their parent's plan until they are 26, raise premiums without justification such as grants awarded for CNMI rate review, deny coverage of children because of a pre-existing condition, rescind coverage for no good reason, prohibit a consumer from filing an appeal on a coverage denial, and charge any cost sharing or deductibles for certain in-network preventive care services.

"Insurance companies can't spend less than 80 percent of premiums collected on medical claims, otherwise they must reimburse the difference to their enrollees. This keeps insurers accountable for how they spend your money," Mocanu said.

According to Mocanu in 2011 and 2012 over \$380,000 worth of rebates were given to CNMI residents because of the "medical loss ratio" rule.

The medical loss ratio rule is when the insurance rebates are being provided under a provision in the ACA that requires insurance companies to provide a rebate related to insurance premiums in certain situations.

Mocanu also said that in 2013 health insurance marketplaces, or "exchanges" opened in the U.S. mainland.

These exchanges are used to compare coverage and enroll in health insurance. This is due to the tax credits and subsidies offered in these exchanges, the CNMI could not afford this.

"All U.S territories chose to use the one-time lump funding to expand Medicaid, rather than establish and exchange," Mocanu said. (Jayson Camacho)

## NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

Babies learn from the time they are born. One of the ways they learn is through hearing. When a baby is born with hearing loss, many sounds and voices are not heard, and the child's speech and language development can be delayed. CHCC implemented newborn hearing as a standard of care and all babies get their hearing screened shortly after birth.

Ask if your baby passed the test. If you have concerns or your baby needs follow up call 236-8709.



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Printing funded by the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Grant under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration.



## BEST SUNSHINE'S COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI

In its response to the Request for Proposal for Casino Resort Developer License, Best Sunshine introduced its plans to create a Community Chest with an initial contribution of

**US\$10,000,000 CASH**

to be distributed to locally-born adults in the CNMI in the form of CUC cash vouchers within 60 days of Best Sunshine being awarded the exclusive license

Based on survey results and discussions with stakeholders in the community, Best Sunshine will commit the following additional funds to the Community Chest

**US\$20,000,000 CASH**

to be distributed within 60 days of Best Sunshine commencing construction works on its first hotel in the proposed Integrated Resort

**AT LEAST US\$20,000,000 PER YEAR CASH**

to be distributed every year after the 1st full year of operations of Best Sunshine's first hotel in the proposed Integrated Resort

**IN ADDITION TO**

Best Sunshine's firm commitment to the CNMI as part of the community outreach program, which will not only benefit organizations such as the hospital, churches, schools, training institutes, Transit Authority, medical referral program and Retirement Fund, but will also create numerous jobs for the local population

More:

**US\$15,000,000**

Aside from the Community Chest contribution, Best Sunshine will also pay the license fee for Year 6 of operations in advance.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this advertisement was presented to the Government as part of Best Sunshine's submission to the Request for Proposal for Casino Resort Developer License. All payments into the Community Chest and made from the Community Chest will be in compliance with federal and CNMI laws and subject to approval by the Government and acceptance by the people of the CNMI. The recipients who will benefit from the Community Chest will be a decision made by the principal officers of Best Sunshine and Best Sunshine will not be legally liable in any way for any special, direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage or for any taxes arising from the decision; furthermore, the decision might vary in the event of any legal disputes. If any part of this disclaimer is determined by any court or other competent authority to be unlawful and/or unenforceable, the other sections of this disclaimer continue in effect.

## Cohen: People should decide casino gaming on Saipan

Marianas Stars Entertainment consultant David B. Cohen said they don't have a position on casino gaming on Saipan and that the company is leaving the decision on the people if they want to continue the process or not.

Speaking before Tuesday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting

at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, the former deputy assistant secretary for Office of Insular Affairs said Marianas Stars is leaving the decision on the people.

"We defer to the prerogative of the people, either directly or through their elected representatives, to decide for themselves

whether casino gaming should be allowed on Saipan."

According to Cohen they take no position on the referenda to repeal the Saipan casino statute and are obstinately opposed to any effort to sabotage the campaign to put those referenda on the ballot.

"We're not trying to scare the people of the CNMI into believing that they desperately need us. We're the ones who trust the intelligence of the people of the CNMI to decide for themselves whether or not they want us," he added. "The right of the people to decide their own future should not be defeated by technicalities."

He also said that if there will

be casino gaming on Saipan they want to compete for that share of that business.

Cohen also said that their sister company, Mega Stars Overseas Ltd., now owners of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino had already invested over \$40 million in a "white knight" rescue of the hotel in Tinian.

"They've paid back taxes, back wages, and back invoices to suppliers," Cohen said.

Cohen said that Mega Stars worries that if a competitor were to have an exclusive license for a mega-casino on Saipan, it would jeopardize the jobs and revenues of the company that provides for Tinian.

"Tinian's local government depends on Mega Stars, as do over 600 employees. If Marianas Stars had a casino license on Saipan, it would, because of its affiliation with Mega Stars, have every incentive to promote the prosperity of both islands," Cohen said.

Cohen also said that there are plans underway to invest over \$600 million on Tinian.

Park Strategies senior vice president and Marianas Star consultant Sean King confirmed

that Tinian Dynasty is planning to invest up to \$600 million for a water park and other resort facilities on the island.

According to King there are no exact dates yet but he does know that there are plans underway.

"The plans were underway before the Saipan casino law was passed so these plans were already in process," King said.

Cohen also said that another plan is to improve transportation links between the islands, not only to transport guests back and forth between Saipan and Tinian but to also provide "improved connections" to Rota and Guam as well.

"We're the only applicant that has a built-in incentive to promote prosperity on all of the islands, not just one," Cohen said.

Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s chief operating officer Terence Tay said that Tinian Dynasty has been around for a long time. He said as far as their casino resort on Saipan is concerned what Best Sunshine plans to build will be for the CNMI people as a whole "so there will be a lot of investments."

**(Jason Camacho)**

## KOREAN

From Page 1

the Korean government asking for an "alternative penalty" on Asiana Airlines, given that a seven-day flight suspension to Saipan has a potential negative impact of at least \$6.7 million on the CNMI economy.

The petition's cover letter was signed by *Saipan Times* president Hong Kyun Kim and Korean Tour Guides Association Chan-Sik Park.

The petition letter, a copy of

which was obtained yesterday, is dated June 16, preceding the governor's June 20 letter also to Korea's Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Suh Seoung-hwan.

The letters acknowledge Asiana Airlines' violation of safety rules, but also noted that the Korean government's proposed penalty of flight suspension would cause economic injury to the CNMI.

Visitor arrivals from Korea account for 35 percent of the CNMI's total visitor mix, and Asiana Airlines is the sole carrier

between the CNMI and Korea. The Korean community said yesterday they appreciate the CNMI governor's letter to the Korean government.

Asiana Airlines acknowledges its safety violation "and will not dispute the government of the Republic of Korea's action," the governor added.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry J. Tenorio earlier said suspending Asiana Airlines' flights to Saipan for seven days could result in an estimated \$6.7 million economic loss to the CNMI

based on a load factor of 80 percent. Asiana Airlines is currently providing 3,774 seats per week to the CNMI.

Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport announced two weeks ago a suspension of Asiana Airlines' flights to Saipan for seven days for continuing with a passenger jet flight, OZ603, from Incheon to Saipan on April 19 despite discovering signs of engine trouble after takeoff. A warning light came on, signaling a problem in one of the plane's two engines.

to \$30 million for each of two casino license holders.

He said Marianas Stars met with him some two weeks ago wherein the investor group broached the subject of granting more than one license.

The governor said he told Marianas Stars that changing rules can't be done in mid-stream, the same statement he had when first asked on June 15 about the idea of two licenses.

Former representative and former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente, now a retiree, said going from one casino license to more than one in the middle of an application process poses a lot of problems.

"Is this nothing more than an attempt to disrupt the process? Block proposed investments? If they change the number of licenses to be granted, will all of them be required to put up a minimum of \$2 billion still, and pay a \$15 million annual license fee still?" Benavente said.

He added that having 4,000 additional rooms—2,000 guest rooms each per casino investor—won't be feasible because Saipan's infrastructure won't be able to support that. He said one 2,000-room hotel could bring in some 400,000 tourists that could add to what the CNMI receives right now on average for a total of 800,000 a year.

"At one time, the CNMI was able to receive 800,000 tourists a year. I would be comfortable with that because the CNMI was able to handle that many tourists," he told reporters.

The governor said it doesn't have to be one license "but I don't think we will be able to get the value with several (licenses)...It's just business. They want to open it up and make it two—they're not going to come in and invest \$2 billion but I'm saying this because they haven't said anything. They just say two licenses. So what do you mean? I like to see. Maybe two licenses but maybe let's double up the ante," he said, referring to doubling the annual casino license from \$15 million

to \$30 million.

The governor said floating a POB is not expected this year unless the "need arises." As to the amount of bond to be floated when it had to be done, he said it's a "moving target." Some figures earlier discussed were \$60 million, \$80 million, and \$120 million.

## CLASH

From Page 1

Concerned citizen Leila Staffler, moreover, said yesterday afternoon they now have some 3,700 signatures from individuals who want to put the Saipan casino question on the ballot in the November election, a number much greater than the estimated 3,250 required or 20 percent of registered voters.

Staffler said they target 4,500 signatures by the time they submit the petition to the Office of the Attorney General on July 2. They are aiming that number as precautionary measures just in case the OAG finds issues with some of the signatures.

"The whole purpose is to give the people a chance to decide, in the privacy of a voter's booth, what they think is best for the island," Staffler said. For those who want to sign the petition, she said she can be reached at 989-6003.

There are two investor applicants vying for a license to exclusively develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan. They are Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and Best Sunshine International Ltd.

Marianas Stars is now suggesting the granting of two licenses instead of one, but Best Sunshine said it is too late to change the rules of the game. There is also now an extended temporary restraining order stopping the CNMI government from either denying or approving a casino license, following Marianas Stars' lawsuit and request of a TRO.

## 2 or more licenses

The House Ways and Means Committee chaired by Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) did not take a position yesterday on House Bill 18-195, which seeks to repeal and reenact the Saipan casino law, but voted unanimously instead to report the bill as is to allow the full House of

Representatives to act on it. Yumul and other members were initially poised to suggest amending the bill on committee level to allow more than one Saipan casino license that can be granted, although there were other proposed amendments discussed such as making the commission members full-time government employees.

"Since we're talking about revenue-generation, why not consider multi-license? Strike out the word 'exclusive,'" Yumul later said, adding that members respect the chairman's position to allow the full House to decide on the bill.

Sablan said those who are not members of the Ways and Means Committee could also offer floor amendments if they so choose once the bill gets to the floor. The next House session could be next week, depending on whether the same committee could pre-file the fiscal year 2015 budget bill by then.

But had the proposed amendment on the number of licenses been put to a vote yesterday, there could have been a deadlock of 5-5 between Ways and Means Committee members present wanting to retain an exclusive license and those who are open to multiple casino licenses on Saipan. It was not clear whether Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), who was observing the committee meeting, could break such a deadlock had it happened.

The governor, when asked about a proposed floor amendment to HB 18-195, said the CNMI would be taking a chance on having more than one casino license.

"I mean that's fine but will we have takers? Two takers? I guarantee probably only one," he said.

The governor and some lawmakers showed up at a 5:30pm meeting of retirees and former DB members—about 100 of them—at the Minachom Attdao Pavilion in Susupe.

Gregorio "Kazuma" Camacho, co-organizer of the meeting, said retirees and former DB members have to unite to protect their interests. He said they invited the governor and lawmakers to update them on the status of the Saipan casino license application, as well as answer their questions about the restoration of retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and the payment of interest on DB contributions withdrawn last year.

"We also want to express our support to having casino on Saipan. One is enough," he said.

The governor, in addressing retirees and former DB members last night, said the TRO, the referendum petition, the "No to casino" signs and lack of action on HB 18-195, among other things, have proven to be "distractions" to the award of a casino license that would pave the way for the payment of retirees' 25 percent pension and DB members' retirement contribution fees still?" Benavente said.

Former representative and

former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente, now a retiree, said going from one casino license to more than one in the middle of an application process poses a lot of problems.

"Is this nothing more than an attempt to disrupt the process? Block proposed investments? If they change the number of licenses to be granted, will all of them be required to put up a minimum of \$2 billion still, and pay a \$15 million annual license fee still?" Benavente said.

He added that having 4,000 additional rooms—2,000 guest rooms each per casino investor—won't be feasible because Saipan's infrastructure won't be able to support that. He said one 2,000-room hotel could bring in some 400,000 tourists that could add to what the CNMI receives right now on average for a total of 800,000 a year.

"At one time, the CNMI was able to receive 800,000 tourists a year. I would be comfortable with that because the CNMI was able to handle that many tourists," he told reporters.

The governor said it doesn't have to be one license "but I don't think we will be able to get the value with several (licenses)...It's just business. They want to open it up and make it two—they're not going to come in and invest \$2 billion but I'm saying this because they haven't said anything. They just say two licenses. So what do you mean? I like to see. Maybe two licenses but maybe let's double up the ante," he said, referring to doubling the annual casino license from \$15 million

to \$30 million.

The governor said floating a POB is not expected this year unless the "need arises." As to the amount of bond to be floated when it had to be done, he said it's a "moving target." Some figures earlier discussed were \$60 million, \$80 million, and \$120 million.

## BEST SUNSHINE

From Page 1

modify the temporary restraining order that stops Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from either denying or approving a casino license.

Dotts said Best Sunshine International should be allowed into this lawsuit to defend the statute that will make it possible for Best Sunshine to obtain a casino license.

Dotts said the TRO should either be immediately dissolved or immediately modified so that only disbursement of the \$30 million deposited by Marianas Stars Entertainment be enjoined if the company is issued the license.

"If at all possible the court should take action before Friday, June 27, 2014, so that if the Lottery Commission is going to act, it can comply with the Open Government Act," said Dotts in the emergency motion.

Last June 19, Wiseman issued the TRO after Marianas Stars Entertainment filed on that same day the lawsuit and requested a TRO. Marianas Stars, through counsel Sean Frink, asserted among other things, that the company will be irreparably harmed if the TRO is not issued pending the resolution of its case.

Frink said a casino license cannot be issued without the participation of the Casino Commission, which does not exist yet because no commissioners have been approved to serve.

In Best Sunshine's motion to intervene, Dotts said Marianas Stars, through a preliminary injunction, is seeking to shut down and prevent the government from moving forward with the application process.

The hearing on the preliminary injunction will be on July 1 at 1:30pm.

Dotts said his client has a keen interest in the process for the award of a casino license moving forward in accordance with the law.

Dotts said Best Sunshine paid a \$1-million nonrefundable deposit with the CNMI in support of its application and tied up an additional \$30 million in an escrow account in reliance on the CNMI following the law and properly awarding an exclusive casino license.

The lawyer said Marianas Stars filed the lawsuit because it knows it cannot have a Saipan casino license relief and therefore it needs to protect the license it has on Tinian.

On the emergency motion, Dotts said if the court does not dissolve or modify its TRO immediately, the intention of the law for the prompt issuance of a casino license and the expeditious release of \$30 million from escrow to address public needs will be frustrated, and that tremendous costs will befall Best Sunshine.

Dotts said the Legislature set up the 90-day deadline (June 30, 2014) for the Lottery Commission to award the casino license.

Dotts said the Legislature clearly wanted the \$30 million released as soon as possible so that it could go to address public needs.

The lawyer said Marianas Stars is primarily concerned that if it is awarded the license and its \$30 million is released, and then the Act invalidated, it will not get back its \$30 million.

Dotts said only the Marianas Stars' \$30 million deposit need be enjoined.

"There is no reason to restrain the award of the license," he added.

## Manglona dismisses SDLLC's lawsuit vs CUC over voided PPA

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
ferdie.delatorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ruled that the court abstains from hearing Saipan Development LLC's lawsuit against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. over the voided power purchase agreement.

In an order issued on Tuesday, Manglona granted CUC's motion to dismiss SDLLC's lawsuit with prejudice. Dismissal with prejudice means SDLLC cannot re-open the case.

SDLLC is the Delaware-based contractor of the controversial \$190.8-million PPA that then-governor Benigno R. Fitial and then-attorney gen-

eral Edward T. Buckingham inked on behalf of CUC.

Manglona said the fact that a lawsuit filed in Superior Court preceded this federal case for over a year; that the CNMI court had already resolved a crucial substantive issue; and that SDLLC received adequate protection through its full participation in the CNMI court action provides sufficient bases and the clearest of justifications to abstain from exercising jurisdiction.

According to court records, in 2012, SDLLC negotiated and entered into a contract with CUC for a new power plant. Fitial and Buckingham signed the contract on behalf of CUC.

That same year, Rep. Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan) and sev-

eral others brought a taxpayers action in local courts against among others, SDLLC and CUC, seeking to declare the contract invalid.

In January 2013, Buckingham's successor as AG informed SDLLC that the contract was legally invalid and void from the beginning.

Eleven months later, SDLLC filed its breach of contract lawsuit against CUC in federal court.

CUC, through counsel Deborah E. Fisher, then moved to dismiss SDLLC's lawsuit.

Fisher argued, among other things, that the decision of Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman to declare as void from the beginning the PPA should preclude SDLLC's

lawsuit in federal court.

Fisher said the federal court should apply principles of issue preclusion and comity, and consider Wiseman's order preclusive.

In SDLLC's opposition to CUC's motion, SDLLC counsel William Fitzgerald, asserted, among other things, that Fitial's executive order excuses CUC from complying with procurement regulations and that this means that the PPA was valid.

CUC's motion to dismiss raises five issues: subject matter jurisdiction, necessary parties, abstention, dismissal for an illegal contract and dismissal for a shotgun pleading.

In granting CUC's motion to dismiss, Manglona discussed only the first three issues after

finding these matter dispositive.

Manglona said if the party involving federal jurisdiction appears to be forum shopping, it is a factor favoring abstention.

In this case, Manglona said, it appears SDLLC is forum shopping.

The judge noted that the Superior Court action had already progressed over a year—and vigorous motion practice undertaken—before SDLLC brought this lawsuit in federal court.

"So it appears that, after undertaking substantial litigation of the issues there, Saipan Development found itself dissatisfied with the Commonwealth court's course and sought a do-over in federal court," Manglona said.

To be sure, Manglona said, SDLLC does have a right under the contract to submit disputes to this court.

The judge said to avoid the appearance of forum shopping, it should have exercised this right sooner.

Indeed, she pointed out, it was a full 11 months after the AG said the contract was void—and 15 months after the Superior Court action's filing—before SDLLC filed this lawsuit in federal court.

"Thus, this factor favors abstaining," Manglona said.

Manglona said to favor abstention, the state proceeding must be "substantially similar" to this one and must yield "comprehensive disposition of litigation."

"Here it is and it does. The whole dispute here is over a breach of contract. The Commonwealth court has already declared that contract void, thus nullifying any action upon it," she said.

## Saipan Mayor's Office investigating collection of marriage license fees

Saipan Mayor Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela said her office is investigating reports of fees being collected for marriage certificates at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

The mayor's office alleged collection of excessive marriage fees came to light after a person who requested anonymity called the *Saipan Tribune* and reported the concern.

The anonymous source said before the late mayor Donald Glenn Flores' untimely passing, a staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office had already been collecting the marriage fees and this had been happening for quite a while.

The source said on May 30 a Chinese couple came to the mayor's office and told one of the staff that they were there to give payment for the fees.

The same source said last Friday another couple came in and

complained about the same issue after they had seen the sign up on the mayor's office claiming, "They paid the said staff \$100."

*Saipan Tribune* tried to get comments from Tudela and the mayor's special adviser, Henry Hofsneider, but both told *Saipan Tribune* that they have nothing to discuss at the moment because they are still looking into the matter.

Tudela's office did confirm earlier that it had been receiving similar reports and she told *Saipan Tribune* that she is very concerned and wants it to be looked into.

According to Hofsneider and Tudela, the mayor's office does not receive payment nor collects payment and that the entire marriage licensing process is done by the Division of Treasury located at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe. (*Jason Camacho*)

## GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS DISCONNECTION NOTICE

IT&E would like to remind its Government and Business customer's that current billing of accounts are due on or before Monday, **JUNE 30, 2014**. Payments not received by close of business on **JUNE 30** will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00PM on that day.

To prevent temporary suspension, customers are hereby advised to kindly pay their bills on or before Monday, **JUNE 30**.

Disputed billings must be brought to IT&E's attention in person or in writing by Monday, **JUNE 30**. Customers must pay any amount **NOT IN DISPUTE** to avoid disconnection.

If you have questions regarding billing or services please call Customer Service at 682-4ITE (4483) or visit our Business Sales Center – Middle Rd., Gulao Rai office.

To avoid disconnection you may pay your IT&E bill at any location below:

SHELL Service Stations – up to 4:00pm  
Chalan Laulau – up to 5:00pm  
Tinian/Rota Office – up to 4:30pm  
TSL Plaza – up to 6:00pm  
Online payment – up to 9:00pm



# SPEED & STYLE

Powered by Reliability, Faster CDMA Speed & Superior Coverage



**Samsung GALAXY S5**

The Samsung Galaxy S® 5 isn't just groundbreaking innovation, it's technology that adapts to your life.

**\$399\***



**Samsung GALAXY S4**

Make your life richer, simpler, and more fun. with Samsung GALAXY S4.

**\$199\***



**IT&E**

*Life in Motion*

join the network that gives you  
**TRULY UNLIMITED DATA**

\*Some condition apply. Must sign up for 1-yr contract on Unlimited Android Plan.

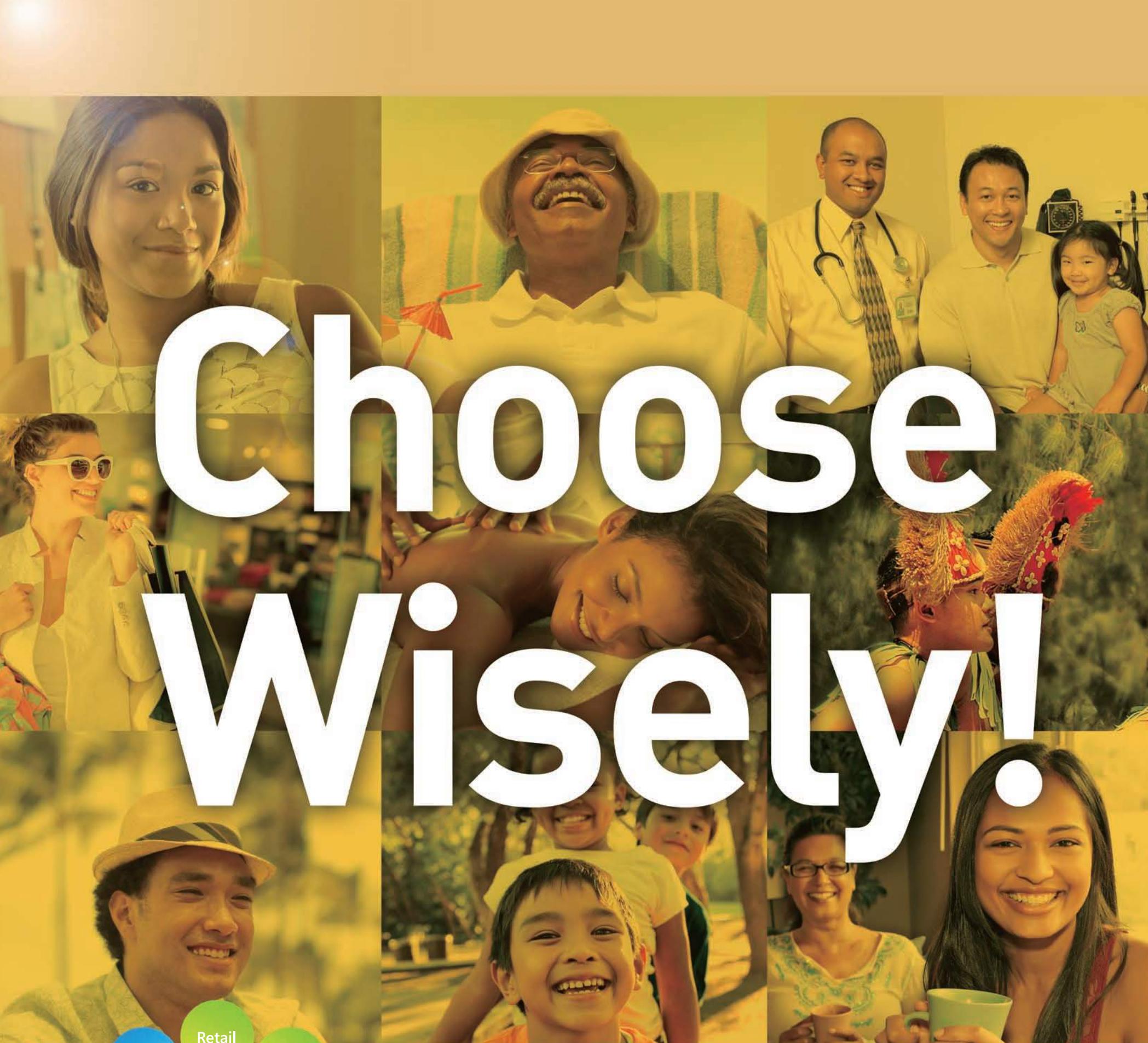
# Saipan MUST Recover!

The Retirement Fund is under great duress. Our utility bills are killing us every month. Local talents are leaving Saipan for greener pastures. Unemployment in Saipan is on the rise. Medical facilities are in need of a face-lift. The future for our children is unclear.

**what will YOU do?**

*Empowering Saipan*

**BEST SUNSHINE**  
International



# choose wisely!



Our Best Sunshine team must strike the right balance between Saipan's economic recovery and the continuation of the people's wonderful island lifestyle. During the last few weeks, we have been showing you our ongoing commitments. We are confident, that Best Sunshine's Integrated Resort brings immeasurable benefits to the local community for decades to come. We thank you sincerely for your vote of confidence!

[www.bestsunshineint.com](http://www.bestsunshineint.com)

*Empowering Saipan*

**BEST SUNSHINE**  
International

# Hospital assures new payment for monthly utility use

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Citing a boost in its collections, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. assured the public that utility services will not be uninterrupted at the hospital come July, which is the scheduled date eyed by the utilities company to cut power in selected non-essential services if the hospital's monthly consumption is not paid in full.

In fact, corporation CEO Esther L. Muna disclosed that a check payment amounting to \$400,000 is now being readied for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

A few weeks ago, CHCC made payment of about the same amount for its power and water consumption for the month of April. A new check



Muna

is ready to cover May's consumption.

"The \$400,000 is based on our consumption for the month. And this doesn't include the arrears which is still

sitting there," Muna said, alluding to the unpaid utility obligations for many years.

Based on CUC records as of May 31, 2014, CHCC's debt totals \$12,521 million. Of this amount, \$485,127 past 30 days; \$530,458.39 aged 30-59 days; \$531,501.39 past 60-89 days; \$475,196.59 past 90-119 days; and \$10,498,823.39 past over 120 days.

On these outstanding arrears, the CEO said that newly hired CFO Jack Taisague was tasked to work a plan with CUC management. A payment scheme, she added, will be part of the business plan expected from the CFO.

According to the CEO, the anticipated new payment to CUC was sourced from hospital collections, which Muna described as beefing up.

Early this month, CHCC received from the Marianas Public Land Trust \$3 million representing the extended line of credit for one year.

Muna disclosed that of this \$3 million, there remains about \$1.5 million untouched, which the corporation reserves for the hospital's immediate needs.

Half of the MPLT monies, it was disclosed, were utilized in paying a portion of the hospital's obligations to vendors. Muna revealed that for one specific vendor alone, the corporation was able to pay close to \$1 million using the line of credit funds. The other portion was shared with other vendors whom the CEO revealed is now receiving timely payment—little by little—from the corporation.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 26, 2006

### Unpaid tax rebates total \$8M

The CNMI government is behind by at least \$8 million in the payment of fiscal year 2004 tax rebates, according to Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos. In the governor's weekly press conference Friday, Inos reported that the amount was down from the estimated \$15 million of unpaid rebates that were unpaid when the Fitial administration stepped in almost half a year ago. He expressed hope that the Finance Department would be able to catch up and get the rest of the FY2004 rebates released before the end of the fiscal year.

### Govt funding to be issued on piecemeal basis

Owing to the government's \$32 million budget shortfall projection, funding for public programs would be issued on a piecemeal basis during the last quarter of the fiscal year, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced Friday. The governor said he had instructed the Office of Management and Budget to issue allotment notice to each government agency on a monthly basis, rather than on the usual quarterly basis, from July to September 2006. "We can't issue a quarterly allotment advice if we don't have the money to cover the entire quarter," Fitial said. Antonio Muna, the governor's special assistant for management and budget, said that the monthly allotment advice was expected to affect government operations within and outside of the Executive Branch.

June 26, 2007

### Renewal of lobbyist contract hangs fire

The Fitial administration's contract with its D.C. consultant is nearing its end, but it remains unclear whether the firm will remain on the local government's payroll. Oldaker, Biden & Belair was hired to block U.S. legislation federalizing the local minimum wage and immigration. It is paid \$90,000, plus approved expenses, for a six-month period ending on Monday, July 9, 2007. However, press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said yesterday he was not sure whether the governor intends to renew the contract. "I think it's safe to say that it will be reasonable for the CNMI to continue having a D.C. consultant. We need a link to Washington, D.C. to keep us informed about what's going on. It is essential for us to have somebody on the ground, in addition to the resident representative's office.

### CNMI students are still interested in health career

Students in the CNMI are still interested in pursuing careers in the health care industry, according to Area Health Education Center Program director Dr. Faye Untalan. Untalan led the 2007 Summer Health Career Program presentation of certificates to this year's participants Friday afternoon at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret. There were 21 high school students who participated in the summer program, a slight drop from the 23 who participated last year. Still, Untalan said this is an excellent turnout. The training was held from June 11 to 22.

June 26, 2008

### Major economic disruption seen

Federal authority over the Commonwealth's immigration laws will prove a "major economic disruption" as foreign workers are forced to leave and businesses are driven to compete for available labor, according to excerpts of a pending economic report and a key adviser to Gov. Benigno Fitial. President Bush earlier this year signed legislation federalizing the Commonwealth's immigration rules in a move that many local business leaders say will devastate the economy. In response, Fitial on Tuesday disclosed he might file suit against the federal government in a bid to overturn the new law.

### Subway donates meal vouchers to Oceania volunteers

Subway Investments Corp. has donated 50 meal vouchers to volunteers of this year's Oceania Championships and Oceania Grand Prix. The donation was handed over by Stella Fong, Subway Investments Corp. vice president, to Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb, chairman of the Oceania local organizing committee, in the Subway office at Transpacific Business Center in Gualo Rai on June 19. Fong said the donation, given upon the organizing committee's request, was a token of S Subway's support for the volunteers and the event itself, while keeping in line with efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle.



## The Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society and the Judiciary present: THE LAW IN THE COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES 2014

First in a Series of Four Public Lectures  
Public Welcomed to All Lectures

### IMMIGRATION REFORM AND NMI IMPACT

June 26 at 6:00 pm  
American Memorial Park Auditorium  
Professor Rose Cuisin-Villazor,  
University of California at Davis School of Law  
1 Continuing Legal Education Credit



#### The Lectures Series is made possible by support from the:

Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a nonprofit corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities; CNMI Bar Association; Delta Airlines; Garment Residual Charitable Fund; Hertz Rent A Car; JET Realty and Development; Saipan Shipping Company; Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.; and Triple J Star Wholesale Foods.

For more information, contact the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary Historical Society at 236-9805.



Marianas Stars  
Entertainment, Inc.

## DO YOU CARE?

**DO YOU CARE WHETHER THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS HEARD ON WHETHER CASINO GAMING WILL BE ALLOWED ON SAIPAN?** **MARIANAS STARS** supports the right of the people, either directly or through their elected representatives, to decide the future of their islands. We oppose any efforts to gut the referendum process. In legislative proceedings, we support a thorough, deliberate and transparent process where the people have the opportunity to be heard. We would be honored to be awarded a casino gaming license on Saipan, but only through a fair and transparent process that has the broad support of the people.

**DO YOU CARE WHETHER TINIAN AND ROTA WILL PROSPER ALONG WITH SAIPAN?** If the people choose casino gaming on Saipan, **MARIANAS STARS** has a plan to ensure that the islands will develop together. Our sister company has already invested over \$40 million on Tinian, and has plans to invest over \$600 million more for a 5-star hotel, luxury villas, a golf course, a water park and other projects. If we are fortunate enough to receive a license on Saipan, we would have every incentive to make sure that our projects on both islands prosper. Part of our plan would be to improve transportation links between the islands—not only to transport guests back and forth between Saipan and Tinian, but to provide much improved connections to Rota and Guam as well.

**DO YOU CARE WHETHER THE CNMI GETS THE MONEY IT NEEDS TO HELP RETIREES, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND EVERYONE ELSE?** If the people choose casino gaming on Saipan, **MARIANAS STARS** respectfully requests that the following proposal be considered: Don't just award one license, award two—assuming each applicant meets the qualifications. Take the current plan for one 2,000-room mega-resort and split it into two 1,000-room resorts. But keep the fees the same for each licensee, so that the CNMI gets a total of \$30 million per year from the two licensees rather than just \$15 million from one. Each applicant will get half a loaf, but the CNMI will get twice the revenue for the retirees. For health care. For schools. For infrastructure. For everyone. Healthy competition will create greater prosperity and greater accountability. More importantly, a non-monopoly assures the integrity of the process, removing any suspicion that legislation was rushed, or designed, for any one bidder.

**DO YOU CARE? WE CARE. BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Oloomway. Thank You.

**MARIANAS STARS:**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE  
CNMI DESERVE BETTER!

[www.marianasstars.com](http://www.marianasstars.com)



LEGEND OF THE OCEAN

INTEGRATED THEME PARK & CASINO RESORT, SAIPAN

# Opinion

*Hapa Adai!*

**Saipan Tribune**  
THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER  
Volume XXIV, Issue No. 126

Published daily at 2/F JP Center,  
Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI  
Mailing Address: PMB 34, Box 10001, Saipan, MP, 96950

**Jayvee L. Vallejera** EDITOR  
editor@saipantribune.com

**Mark Rabago** ASSOCIATE EDITOR  
mark\_rabago@saipantribune.com

MEMBER

**AP** The Associated Press      Pacific Islands News Association

## EDITORIAL

### Egypt's fear of the truth; three reporters face prison for doing their jobs

**A**fter meeting with Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi in Cairo on Sunday, Secretary of State John Kerry said he had raised human rights concerns and that the new Egyptian president "gave me a very strong sense of his commitment" to reconsider the government's policies. He also said that Washington had restored military aid to Egypt, promising early delivery of 10 attack helicopters.

We'll soon find out if el-Sissi is truly willing to reconsider and whether the assistance will give us much leverage. On Monday, an Egyptian court convicted three respected journalists on charges of helping a terrorist organization. Kerry said the verdict was "chilling and draconian" and called the Egyptian foreign minister to object.

He had good reason for complaint. The supposed terrorist organization is the Muslim Brotherhood, which was long banned in Egypt but nonetheless represents the biggest political group in the country. In 2012, in their first authentic democratic election, Egyptians gave the presidency to Mohammed Morsi, a member of the Brotherhood.

But the military overthrew Morsi after he had been in office only a year. Since then, the generals in charge have been targeting the group, mainly to keep their iron hold on power. "The government seems motivated solely by its desire to crush a major opposition movement," says Sarah Leah Whitson of Human Rights Watch.

This trial is just the latest chapter in the crackdown on dissent that began last year. Even so, the families of the defendants expected acquittals because the prosecution's case was so laughably weak.

The three were reporters for the Qatar-based English-language network of al-Jazeera. The evidence against them included a strange array of irrelevant items, from videos of horses to a song by multi-instrumentalist and singer Gotye. The presiding judge told them in May that if they wanted copies of the stories that they allegedly fabricated, they would have to pay \$170,000 – and then upbraided their lawyers for failing to do so.

Prosecutors couldn't be bothered to offer proof that the reports were fake or that those charged had anything to do with the Muslim Brotherhood. One of the defendants has both Egyptian and Canadian citizenship and drinks alcohol, hardly the profile of a zealous Islamist. Another is an Australian who had been in the country only a few days when he was arrested.

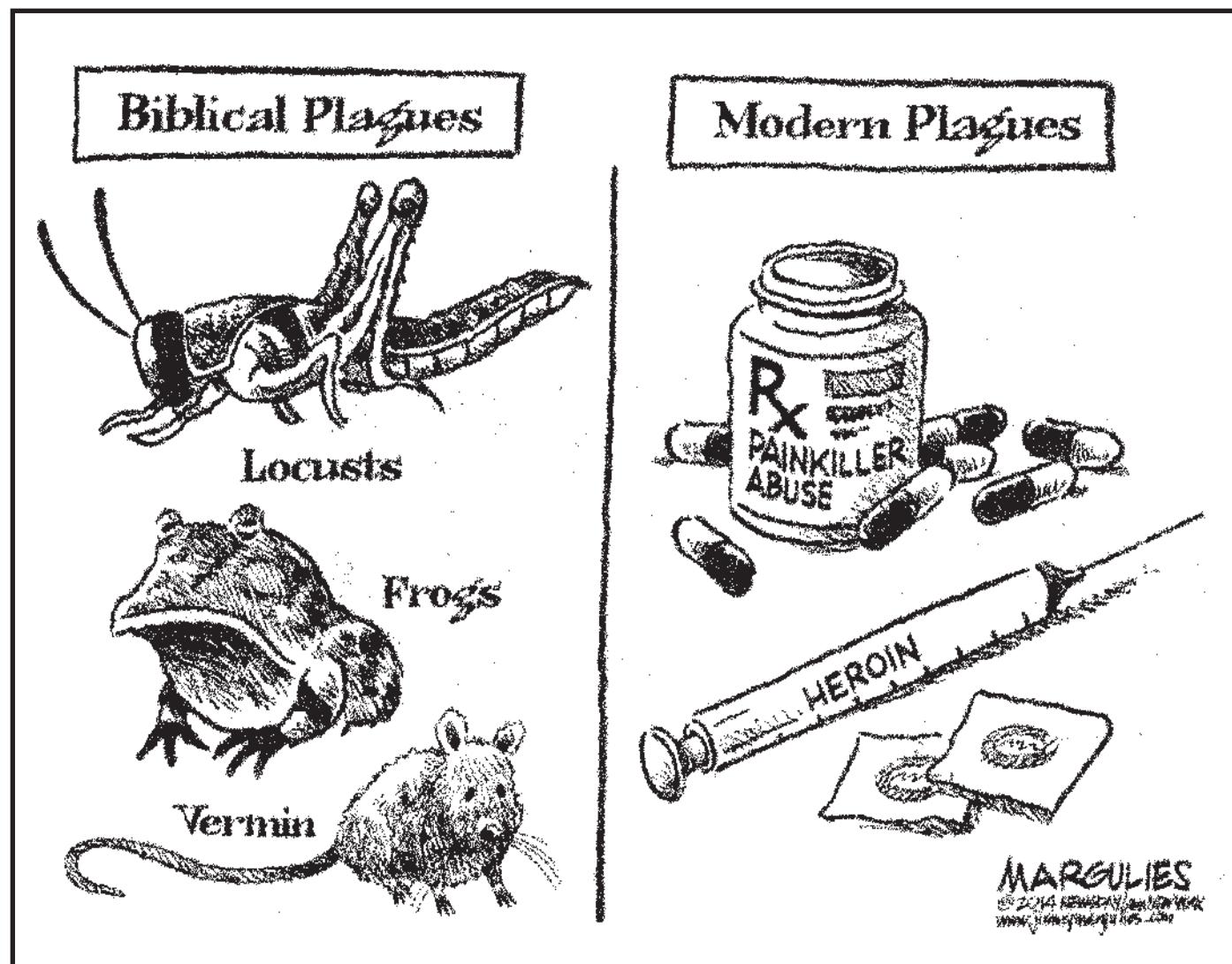
But it didn't matter. All three received sentences of seven years in prison for helping terrorists and undermining national security. One got an additional three years for possession of a weapon — a spent bullet casing he found at a protest and kept as a memento. Courtroom spectators were shocked when the guilty verdict was announced.

The defendant's real crimes were twofold: practicing journalism under a government that wants to suppress independent sources of information and working for a news organization underwritten by a government, Qatar's, that supports the Muslim Brotherhood.

El-Sissi could pardon these men or he could commute their sentences. Either action would be better than doing nothing.

What he really needs to do is ease off his fierce attack on peaceful opposition and open up space in which Egyptians can debate their future. It seems that what scares the regime most is not terrorism, but truth.

©2014 Chicago Tribune



## By the Diablo mountains

**C**oncord on the northeast side of the Bay Area of San Francisco lies on the western slopes of the Diablo mountain range whose peak and hills extends from Costa Contra County in the north to the Kern County south where Bakersfield is county seat. Concord is the largest city of Costa Contra next to the county seat of Martinez.

My daughter's house is about four houses from Buchanan Airfield that straddles the border of Martinez and Concord. The airport is a controversial prime property and its function as an airport with jets has since been replaced by Byron airport and as an airfield diminished to hosting small propeller engine planes. Buchanan's history began as the Concord Air Force Base in the 1940s on to being an originating point to military flights headed for the Korean theatre.

On this week's visit, my daughter's Queensland heeler dog barked as pilots training to fly prop planes from the airfield buzzed the neighborhood. The U.S. Coast Guard uses the facility for emergency purposes, particularly to drench bush fires in the brown hills surrounding the verdant forest of the Diablo peaks seen from a distance.

This is not a travelogue on the mountain range nor on the interesting Bay Point of the San Francisco Bay Area extending toward, Pittsburg, CA, the current end point of the BART's Yellow Line. A descriptive tour might delight our California readership, but that has not been the regular tone of this column.

Nor an introduction of Concord, Martinez, and Walnut Creek (CM&WC) would be unwelcomed by the towns consumers for they have converted their downtown areas as shopping centers of boutique quality, and in this mode, the towns are quaint with antiques, and contemporary in coffee shops where a hazelnut macchiato in espresso is not an uncommon fare!

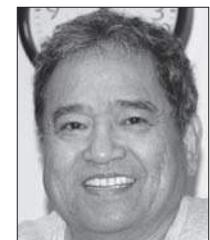
It is the "devil" in "Diablo" that intrigues us and why that would even be relevant in the downtown areas of CM&WC where retirees tend their social nets well and have come to live and are visibly in display all over the place enjoying the sunset of their years. There are younger families in the area, my daughter's included but of the short times she cruised with me in the three towns looking for a place that might sell USB connectors to two external drives that have photos of my China home I wanted to share, the places teemed with well-heeled retirees who did not hesitate to draw out their credit cards for any purchase in any of the stores.

A disambiguation: "Diablo" is used as name for fictional characters, music pieces, video games, places like the aforementioned mountain range, sports personalities and teams, a gene that negatively interacts with the death cell, and a type of hot, dry wind common in many deserts.

There was once a USS *Diablo* American submarine named af-

**By JAIME VERGARA**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime Vergara previously taught at SVES in the CNMI. A peripatetic pedagogue, he last taught in China but makes Honolulu, Shenyang, and Saipan home. He can be reached at pinoypanda2031@aol.com.



ter a deep-sea bottom-dwelling batfish of the West Indies whose first assignment was to sail to Saipan after it was commissioned just before the end of WWII hostilities. Exchange of firepower on Mt. Tapuchao ceased before the Diablo reached its destination so its eventual first portage was Guam. The submarine was delivered later to the Pakistan navy in a military assistance package and became the *Ghazi*, Pakistan's sole underwater military submersible that mysteriously sank in 1971.

My devilish sense looking up at the majestic mountain range from Concord probably stems from my detachment from the rabid consumerism now attendant to a country that still holds my fealty and political devotion. Everywhere I turn in my visits to my two daughters' families, the symbols of economic prosperity around them are held up as the overriding preoccupation of identity, vocation, and lifestyle. No activity or value is worth pursuing until one had done the math on how much it will cost, or what amount will be gained, a cultural practice of estimation I am not privy to.

As a retired member of the straddling class between the "silent" and "baby boomer" generations, I might still carry the traditional value of personal character against personal wealth as criteria for measuring an individual's worth. While finances are obviously very important, and my daughters are not by any measure counting their pennies, they have yet to make it the overriding consideration in gauging people's social standing. Happily, I might claim that my daughters' attitude, to a certain degree, reflects that of their father.

I am evidently divorced from the contemporary preoccupation of personal worth by accumulation and expenditure, not from the inability to earn the dough (though the charge had been leveled against my earning skills) as it is an absence of passion to follow the acquisitive path; I am too habitually at home in the monastic practice of earthly detachment. I do not condemn the practice but I acknowledge that I no longer belong to this age. In fact, my room smells too much of my age that I have to open my window to let the Diablo air and the hydrocarbon emissions of fast moving traffic on CA State Highway 4 not too far from my breathing, to come in.

The devil is in the details, we say. This one is mountain size.

# Para haye i adelantu?

**S**essu hu faisen maisayu` pot kuestion adelantu: Para Haye? Pot ihempro, sige mana` en ñaihon i mas primera siha na kanton unai para hotel. I chumoneg ennau na disision ya monana pot adelantun ekonomia. Ya hafa na adelantu para i natibu?

Guuya ayu siha na kanton tasi `nai sessu i natibu pumeskan fisga, chenchulu, talaya yan panag antes. Tinilika este na kulturata ni antala` tatautau siha gi hilu` unai. Esta man-maprohibe hit man-hihot pot bisita i man-gaige guennau na lugat pa`gu.

Esta ti man-obra hit man-peska `sino kumilili` atiluñg la`uyata guatu gi kanton tasi. Guaha lugat `nai sessu ham man-epañglau. Pa`gu lugat karea yan tinanom flores ni man-madispoñga kada dos semana. Lau hagas lugat peskan pañglau.

Mahatsa hotel siha `nai kometsiante mamatinas ganansia. Ayu ha pegaye hit i fina` kontribusion tax. Dispues ha umpañg kantidán kebleñ niha ya mana` hanau tatté gi tano` niha. I umestotabayu` i petmanente madisplantu modun linala` natibu pot suspichosu na adelantu. Gaige giya siha ennau na adelantu, `an sopblan poñgpuñg pan patte-ta.

Ginen este na finaposta mohon u guaha kabales na ininan todun planu yan kau enfin diberas i adelantu pat para siha lamayot patte. Ga`oghu katdun pañglau yan tininon guihan ke `antala` tatautau bisita gi hilu` unai. Hokog mames probechun natibu!

## Poñgpuñg Adelantu

I lugat kanton tasi malimmitte pa`gu giya Paupau, dididi` Puntan Muchot, Inai iya Oleai yan `nos kuantos lugat gi santatte. I impottansiaña kanton tasi i dinaña familia yan dididi` fina` peska. Man-libre famaguon isla man-o`mag gi tasi sa` patte i tasi ti tano` niha. Ha pañgon hihot na dinaña familia `nai masimientu mas inagofli`e giya hita.

Mas paire i dinaña `an guaha peskadot `sino talayeru gi tropa. Mofona humuyuñg man-rikonose ya `nai suette todumaprubrecha kau kelaguen tiau pat satmonityun yan tarakityun. Piot ya mana` pikaka i kelaguen ni doni` sali. Debi u fan pinalai todum. I natibu metgot na talin pogse` sumustetene dese antes. Dinaña i fitme na haligen yan pisun natibu.

## Nesessariu Planu

Pot mas ke 20 años tatnai hu li`e mafotman kabales estudiadu na planun adelantu. Poresu, todum kinalamten masaulag supin tasi. `Nai todum lache sige man-afaisen man-sabiun I Deni` hafa guaha. Sessu kumefalagnos gi sikoshu na kalu i totniyon redan san-menna. Lau haf` taimanu na ni unu ume`ekuñgog. Kada kuat konsu hinassofña ni mafañagu gi hilu` supin tasi.

Gi hilu` supin tasi taya` ha sedi fuerake para ta falague tatté manu `nai masge che`cho`ta para tafan e`suette puede dinanche. Gi `nai seriosu asuntun linahyan, magahet na supin tasi na eskalera `nai para umatrata? Haf` na man-ma`ñau hit fotmat yan estudiadu na planu? Gi finu` liñguahen “computer”, trash in trash out. Basula ke basula che`cho`ta pueas basula lokue` uttimo-ta.

Pot para ta komprende: Iya Guam ha deklara 24 pot sientu na adelantu gi ekonomiaña. Iya Marianas parehu figura lau atlibes—disadelantu! Naturat sa` iya Guam gai planu, hita ni papet komun. Manu i ginacha` ayu ha` `nai poduñg sin konsiderasion gi linala` i mas man-chatsaga. Dios mihu na diskuidu!

## Finu` kantan tradision

Ayu na kanta-ta “Ti Gi Un` Palasyon I Riku” bonito na sunidu pot o`perlas iya Marianas. Paire parehu ha` i sustansiau na palabira yan dobladan sotfa.

Ilelegña patte, “Ya ti siña hu tulaika sa` tat mas gefsaga, kumu

ayu siha na islas i Islas Marianas”. Yangin appuntau pat ma-elihe hau na offisiat publiku mauleg un` sessu kumanta este na sunidu. Siña kasse pinañgon hinassomu haf` sustansian tautau-mu guine siha na islas.

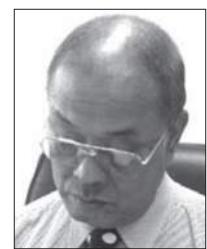
Estague` na tanu` i halom gima`ta, ahe ti siña tana` parehu yan otru lugat siha. Ni kuantu tiempu un` diñgu siempre un` bira hau mage entre tatautau-mu enteru `sino espiritu-mu. Hombre i galagu `an matai todum i tiempu ha fafana` ayu na lugat `nai mafañagu.

Chalan iya hame

Sessu antes i defuntu Digu` ha kanta “Bendise chalan iya hame...sa esta ti bai birayu` mage....” Ti hu tuñgu` i finagpo`ña ayu na kanta ya sessu hu kepula` hafa ilelegña.

Kau hinanau pot umakamu` ya ha diñgu gima` mañainaña pat finatai? Kasse umafagcha` gi dos fina`pos `sino hinanau sumendalu ya tiha tuñgu` kau u birague` tatté lalala`.

Magahet na kada na tiempu hu kanta este na sunidu hu hahassu i chalan iya hame antes. Bendidu i lugat hagas guma`. Ti hoñgigion na disision gi un` riku na lugat `nai man-mafañagu ham todus. Hagas hu tuñgu` bai` gu`ot pot interes todum.



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Brief history of hospital structure in America vs the CNMI

*Editor's Note: Due to its length, the following letter to the editor is being published in three sections.*

### Last of a three-part series

The American Hospital Association's Center for Health Care Governance provides governance resources to over 5,000 member organizations. Their mission is to bring about excellence and accountability in hospital governance. By the way, they are governed by a board.

In the case of CHCC, the board of directors' powers is legislated by a poorly written public law known as P.L. 16-51 rather than articles of association, which would be known as hospital bylaws. It is a misfit in the typical American hospital system as for some reason the authors of P.L. 16-51 put a governor-appointed CEO in charge of the only hospital in the CNMI, the only place that has an operating room.

In my case, the medical staff credentialing body chairman failed to uphold the rules of the hospital bylaws, even though PL 16-51 mandates that the hospital adopt the bylaws it itself wrote. The director of medical affairs failed to uphold them in the same way. The CEO likewise failed in still the same way.

Critics could say that they were justified. Critics could point to the Board of Trustees as being advisory only, even though PL 16-51 lists areas where they are fiduciary. The AG said that the Board has no authority to direct the CEO. Likewise, I submit that the CEO has no authority to direct the Board on those matters that it is fiduciary, such as physician credentialing. I ask is there ever a justification to work outside of the legal system by a government employee?

The CEO and Director of Medical Affairs have not shown up to board meeting after meeting, and refuse to be transparent to them in such matters. Again in my case, I am irrelevant. It is the process that matters. It is the American way of government “for the people and by the people”. My case is not the only case that will likely seek justice in the courts. I submit that the issue at hand is not about hospital revenue. It is about moral leadership and a reckoning, and who oversees conflicts when they arise between the medical and administrative arms of a hospital, especially, when the CEO has no prior experience as being such for any hospital anywhere.

One governor appoints one CEO and doesn't want to change the system; what would Franklin, Morris, Adams and Washington have done with PL 16-51? Is secrecy more important than transparency within the government? Why do we have a congress and senate? Why did the CNMI join and become brothers and sisters of the United States of America. What types of freedoms should we hold true while turning a blind eye to others? What did those soldiers die for? What does your religion teach you? These are all questions that we should be asking ourselves.

Even though it is my goal here to educate the public and offer an opinion as to why I think the CHCC system will not work until its governance is corrected, I want to clearly convey that though typically management sets the tone of a corporation from the top down, this is not the case at CHCC. The nursing staff is among the best that I have seen anywhere, largely because most of them have a 4 year degree versus a typical 2 year degree on the mainland. The medical doctors are superb but many of them handle as much as 45 patients and keep their heads down. The staff in the support services and offices are likewise excellent and almost all of the above people conveyed to me that they wish for change. If they had a new strong moral leader, they would follow. I feel it in my heart.

Many modern economists believe that the hospital employed model for physicians will eventually implode. I feel strongly that the direction for the CNMI should be through diversification. For security of health care services, future added services and just plain patient controlled options, more opportunities should be opened to attract physician into private practices in the CNMI. How can this be done with the “one governor appointing one CEO model”?

Tinian and Rota should receive equal medical access and care. When I arrive in September I would like have an orthopedic schedule and x-ray facility on each of these two islands. Do you know who controls those medical care directions now, i.e. the public health department functions? All comments and criticisms are open for discussion. After all we are all brothers and sisters of this beautiful democracy. Either way, let your senators and congressmen know how you feel. Be a part of the process. Your forefathers gave a lot for you to have that right!

### Grant Walker, MD

*Board Certified and Spine Fellowship Trained Orthopedic Surgeon  
Idaho*

# Get your priorities straight!

“The vicious hardship is ubiquitous—could be seen everywhere—throughout the CNMI. It's all about lapses in leadership from A-Z. “We the people” are the victims!”

Yes sir, how much more are we going to allow ourselves to dig our graves deeper? Our people are suffering daily and at the same time we look the other way.

Last month, a dear CNMI retiree elderly summoned me to his house prior to his death. He requested for me to provide lighting to his house for he was tired of having a dark house. Several days later, my dear friend passed and I was near his bedside. As I ponder who he had left behind, I was struck with anger toward our so-called local government and empathy toward the family of our departed brother. Why was there enough money to fund the Northern Mariana Descent group? Our social programs are in disarray within our island chain and at the same time we have a hundred thousand dollars appropriated for issues not affecting our underprivileged citizens. We lack a transit system to help our working poor. We have households that are living without electricity and water. Kids are forced to study their school works and read books under the streetlights.

Our dearest honorable governor and Saipan delegation, who voted to appropriate the hundred thousand dollars for the Northern Mariana Descent Corp., please get your priorities straight when it comes to helping our local people. The money could have been used for seed money to benefit people like my departed brother. He was a CNMI retiree; his family were one of the victims of your oversight when it comes to bettering our social programs throughout our island chain.

As a society, are we going to continue to ignore our underprivileged citizens in the CNMI? Are we creating future generation of failures for not providing for their social needs today? Our failure today will cost us dearly in the future. The number game at our Legislature has to come to a stop and we need to come up with solutions to better our unfortunate people.

### Segundo Castro

*Marpo Valley, Tinian*

# Noel Reyes is 95 percent right. Listen to him.

Thanks for your *Saipan Tribune* letter of June 24. Two casinos are better. Let the competition begin. I will bet BS drops out if the commission grants both licenses, though they can only survive if they have an exclusive. The good news is that the voters have a chance this fall to really do something about the cycle of corruption and ineptness that has pervaded politics and dumbed down our government for the past 36 years. Look past your niño, uncle or whatever and use the Internet to study what each candidate has done in their life, both professionally and personally. I see signs with a picture and a “please vote for me” on the roadside. I ask why? What have

you done in your life? What are you going to do differently from all those before you? Tell me specifically where you stand on NMD's, Article 12, casinos, nepotism vs qualified, CW's, alternative energy, the environment—specifics, not platitudes. Put it in writing and, for God's sake, get on FB, YouTube and LinkedIn at least. It's 2014 everyone. You will have to be forgiven for not being technologically savvy if you are a graduate of the PSS system. I apologize for them.

### Gary DuBrall

*Chalan Piao, Saipan*



# Hunter: OGA applicable to lawmakers

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
ferdie.delatorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The Open Government Act as it applies to the Legislature is constitutional, according to activist Glen D. Hunter.

Hunter, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, asserted that while it is true that the CNMI Constitution grants the Legislature authority to promulgate its rules of procedure, this right is not absolute.

Dockter said Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, the CNMI government, and other co-defendants in Hunter's lawsuit do not actually identify which provisions they believe offend the Constitution, but presumably seek to strike down a statute that makes the OGA applicable to the Legislature.

Dockter defended the constitutionality of OGA in Hunter's opposition to Inos and co-defendants' motion to dismiss Hunter's lawsuit.

Hunter is suing the government, Inos, the Lottery Commission, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan), House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), and Reps. Rafael S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Felicidad T. Oguimoro

(Cov-Saipan), for allegedly violating OGA in the passing of casino law.

In defendants Inos, Lottery Commission, and the CNMI government's motion to dismiss, assistant attorney general Reena Patel asserted, among other things, that the popular initiative making the CNMI Open Government Act applicable to the Legislature is unconstitutional.

Patel asserted that OGA does not apply to the Legislature because voter initiatives are subject to constitutional scrutiny.

House Speaker Deleon Guerrero, and Reps. Demapan and Oguimoro joined the government's motion to dismiss, arguing that the House is protected by legislative immunity.

Senate President Torres, filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that OGA does not apply to the Senate based on a lack of subject matter jurisdiction and because the OGA's legislative provisions are unconstitutional because they are superseded by Senate Rules, and that he is protected by legislative immunity.



In Hunter's opposition to dismiss filed in court on Monday, Dockter said the defendants presumably believe that all of the requirements of the OGA are unconstitutional as applied to the Legislature because the Legislature has the authority to promulgate its own rules of procedure.

Dockter pointed out that none of the defendants direct the Superior Court to the more relevant portion of the same section in the constitution, which demands that legislative and committee meetings be open to the public.

Dockter said statutes are presumed valid absent a clear constitutional violation and defendants have not met their burden.

She said the OGA Legislative Provisions do not conflict with the legislature's right to create (and subsequently suspend every time they are in session) their own procedural rules.

The lawyer said despite defendants' failure to meet their burden and mischaracterization of the issue, the OGA Legislative Provisions are harmonious with the constitutional mandate for public meetings and enforce an equally important democratic

principle that is clearly engrained in the Commonwealth's constitution.

Dockter said the OGA Legislative Provisions and the constitution's public meeting requirement are not in conflict and must be interpreted harmoniously.

She said the same "people" who drafted the constitution, drafted the OGA, and drafted the 2009 initiative demanding the transparency of the legislature.

"To conclude that the OGA Legislative Provisions conflict with the 'intent' of the framers of the constitution call for public meetings is nonsensical," she said.

Dockter said if the Legislature complies with the OGA Legislative Provisions, they will necessarily be complying with the Constitution's public meet-

ing mandate.

"As such, the laws are harmonious and the OGA Legislative Provisions must stand," she pointed out.

On representation issue of the Office of the Attorney General in this case, Dockter said the Attorney General does not have constitutional authority to defend violations of law: The AG is supposed to defend the law and prosecute violations thereof.

In this case, Dockter said the AG is not representing the legislators who are charged with violations of CNMI law.

She said instead, the AG has come forward and gratuitously sought to strike down a CNMI law on behalf of the other defendants.

"The AG, as the chief legal officer of the Commonwealth

should share in the interest of plaintiff in ensuring that the law was complied with but instead, the AG is quick to dismiss the validity of the law and defend a violation thereof," she said.

"The reality is this: The Casino Law, and its disreputable inception is the poster child for the awesome necessity of the OGA," she said.

Dockter said the OGA Legislative Provisions were demanded by the people who now turn to the court for its enforcement.

"The fact that the governor, the attorney general, and elected members of congress wish to dismantle the law when it became inconvenient and hide behind inapplicable legislative immunity does nothing more than strengthen plaintiff's call for justice," she said.

## Best Sunshine meets with DPS Fire Division

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
jayson.camacho@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

An executive of Best Sunshine International Ltd. met with the Department of Public Safety's Fire Division last week to discuss a possible partnership once an integrated resort is built on Saipan.

According to Best Sunshine chief operating officer Terence Tay, he met with DPS Fire chief Thomas M. Manglona to talk about what he called a "controlled environment" that will guarantee the safety and security of the resort's guests in case of fire and other emergencies.

"We have to be comfortable with what the local government can provide for us and how we can work with them and make their jobs easier. For example, can we get up to the 10th floor and extract that person? Right now we

can't do that. How do we get those resources to ensure that we can service your needs? It boils down to money," Manglona said.

Manglona noted the lack of proper equipment as the biggest issue and that the vehicles they have are over 10 years old.

According to the DPS representative, having an interrelated relationship between private and public sectors in terms of specific things is a "win-win" situation for both parties.

Tay told DPS representatives, including Manglona, that one way to go about this is to upgrade along the way.

"Whether through whatever

### » Possible partnership through 'controlled environment'

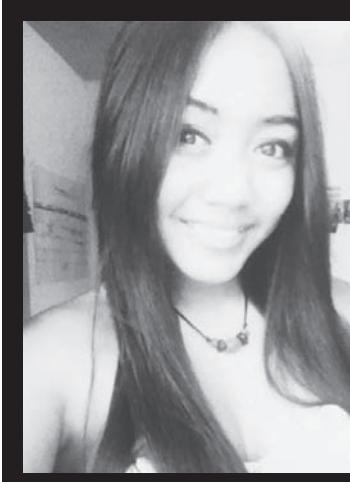
institute you can subsidize their education, it's scholarship, and afterwards they can get promoted. We need people to rise up the ranks, the career progression," Tay said.

The DPS representative told Tay that his company can also perhaps offer online education.

"It would be more accessible cause we really just don't have the time. We need that dollar to back it up. It is all family here, especially since it's a small country. If we were to fit in the community chest then that's a lot of money to begin with," the DPS representative said.

Best Sunshine is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Stock Exchange-listed Imperial Pacific International Holdings also known as Imperial Pacific.

Imperial Pacific's proposal for the CNMI is for a resort destination that offers a "kaleidoscope of attractions and amenities." These include, among others, high-end hotel rooms and villas, a luxurious spa, world-class themed entertainment, international brand retail, health and aesthetics facilities, a place for meetings, incentives, conventions, exhibitions, and a casino.



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happiest 14th birthday Leyanna Marie Cabrera. God has blessed our family with a wonderful daughter/sister like you. No matter how many birthdays come and go, you'll always be our big baby girl. Enjoy your day. We love you forever! Love always Mom, Dad, Tun, DJ, and especially your sisters!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**7 Days Sale  
20% OFF  
SUMMER Sale Special**

SALE STARTS JUNE 21 TO 28, 2014 "while supplies lasts"

**Do it Best**

**Quality Paints.®**



**Interior/Exterior Paint  
Buy now and save up to 20% OFF**

**For your hardware, lumber, power tools, lawn and riding mower and construction supplies.**

**COME VISIT us at  
YCO Do it Best Hardware  
in Chalan Klya.  
Tel. No. 235-3648 / 233-3112  
235 - (DOIT)**



# TRUCKLOAD SALE direct from K MART

AMAZING DEALS ON DAILY ESSENTIALS, QUALITY BRANDS AND MUST-HAVE ELECTRONICS! • OPEN: Thursday and Friday 11am to 7pm • Saturday 9am to 7pm



Ninja Kitchen Pulse System \$129.95 Mr. Coffee 12 Cup Switch Coffee Maker Black \$29.95



Igloo Glide Rider 110 Quart Cooler with Extended Handle \$119.95 Coleman 2 Gallon Beverage Dispenser \$29.95



10x12 Instant Canopy \$79.95 Sling Patio Chairs \$29.95



Craftsman 23 Inch Tool Box \$24.95 Craftsman 94 Piece Mechanics Tool Set with Carrying Case \$65.95



Weedeater Gas Powered Lawn Mower \$269.95 Plus Start Battery Charger \$29.95

## UPGRADE YOUR FURNITURE AT DISCOUNT PRICES!



Jaclyn Smith Gatsby 6 Drawer Bedroom Chest  
NOW ONLY \$239.95



Essential Home Kids 12 Bin Organizer  
NOW ONLY \$54.95



Womens Assorted Designer Hand Bags  
Your Choice \$19.95



Husky HD Welded Steel Industrial Shelving \$269.95  
Ridgid 14 Gallon Wet/Dry Vac with Bonus Attachments \$169.95



Beginnings By Sauder Computer Table  
NOW ONLY \$56.95



Queen Size Mattress  
NOW ONLY \$164.95



King Size Mattress  
NOW ONLY \$194.95



Kids Character Design Hard Case Carry On Luggage  
NOW ONLY \$25.95



Superstar Baby Tricycle  
SportsCraft Jumbo Utility Wagon \$139.95



Essential Home Bedford Entertainment Center  
NOW ONLY \$269.95



Beginnings By Sauder Coffee Table  
NOW ONLY \$27.95



Samsung PDP 43 Inch HD TV \$699.95



RCA 46 Inch LED HD TV \$699.95



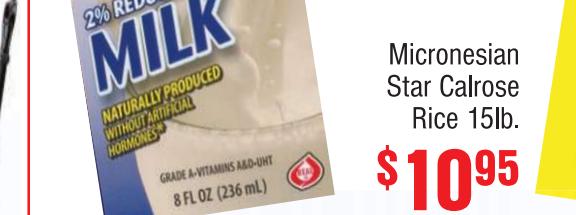
Canon Pixma MG2420 Printer, Copier, Scanner \$79.95



Kenmore 12 Inch Table Fan \$12.95 \$29.95



Goosner UHT Milk Whole And 2% \$18.95



Micronesian Star Calrose Rice 15lb. \$10.95



Comfort Quest Single Air Bed with Pump \$24.95



V Tech Cordless Phone Single with Caller ID \$26.95



Wahl Combo Pro 14 Piece Hair Trimming Kit \$25.95



Kenmore 12 Inch Table Fan \$12.95 \$29.95

# COTA staff completes FTA training

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
jayson.camacho@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Environmental and Sustainability Management System Core Team has recently completed their fourth and final session on training under the Federal Transit Administration ESMS in Virginia.

According to COTA administrator Tom Camacho, he and four other staff attended the training and had began since early 2013 and that this was the last session.

According to Camacho, the FTA established the core team category and requisites such as official capacity and background of staffs were the reason they were selected to be a part of the five-member team.

FTA funded the training through a contract with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the State University that is located at Virginia Tech Facility, Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia.

Camacho said that the result of the training and COTA being chosen was on his part in submitting his interest and application for the FTA in 2013.

"Which resulted to being selected as one of the 10 transit agencies," Camacho said.

COTA's newest ESMS team is committed to operating an effective system as part of an "integrated framework" for

sustainable environmental stewardship. Camacho said that they will comply with the appropriate environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and executive orders.

COTA's ESMS team is integrated with the Environmental Protection Agency's mission to protect human health and safeguard the environment.

"The first actual day started with announcements, homework progress report or presentation of each team's homework for goals and targets taught in workshop three," Camacho said.

Camacho also said that the regular training day included the team reports and that CNMI team was the first to present.

The first session started on August 2013, second was on November 2013, third was on February 2014, and the final of the sessions was on June 2014.

According to Camacho the ESMS is a set of processes and practices that enables an organization to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency.

"This is so true and timely since COTA and the CNMI currently operates a Paratransit system then by 2015, COTA's state-of-the-art vehicle and

maintenance facility will be built followed by the launching of the first-ever Saipan Fixed-Flex Route system, expansion of Rota and Tinian transit system and possibly in the very near future," he said.

Camacho also said that should a feasibility study recommends that a ferry system is a viable operation in the CNMI or between Guam and CNMI, COTA will secure federal financial assistance to buy the needed and appropriate ocean-going vessels and terminal facilities if needed.

"However, operating expenses will come from FTA, local dedicated funding sources and/or private or public partnership," he said.

Camacho also said that on October of this year and February 2015 a certified "ISO 14001" standard auditor, Bob Herbert from Virginia Tech will travel here to the CNMI to conduct a gap and final audit of COTA's ESMS plan and fence lines.

"We each take personal responsibility to protect and enhance our local communities. We will promptly report all incidents and unsafe conditions to COTA emergency services," Camacho said.

"Environmental stewardship is and must be an integral part

» Certified  
auditor will  
visit this Oct.  
and Feb. 2015

of every COTA business practice, operation, job, and task. It is incumbent on each of us to assess our own roles and responsibilities and to help fulfill, to the utmost of our abilities," he added.

Staff that completed the training included COTA's mobility management and transit coordinator Vince C. Merfalen, administrative officer Mary S. Dickinson, community planner Roy T. Rios, grants management coordinator Christopher R. Sablan, and Camacho himself.

## PSS completes instructional technology training

The CNMI Public School System Instructional Technology Endorsement Program Cohort #2 has completed their year-long training. The training involved five courses worth 45 hours each and yearlong CITW with Technology.

The incentives for completing the training are MacBook Air laptops, tools, resources, and software to be used in the classroom.

Instructors for courses include Andy Kerr of McREL, Instructional Technology, Program coordinator Jeani-

ffer Cubangbang, and Cohort 1 participants who completed the program. They are building capacity within CNMI PSS and raising student achievement.

PWT data has shown an increase in technology use by students and the teachers who participated in the Instructional Technology endorsement program, as compared to those who didn't.

Due to the latest training's success, PSS next school year will offer four cohorts the same opportunity. (PSS)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Teachers of the CNMI PSS Instructional Technology Endorsement Program Cohort #2 pose for a photo.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program FY 2015 State Plan is available for review and public comment from June 23, 2014 to June 27, 2014 (Monday to Friday). Interested members of the general public may review the FY 2015 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located in Saipan, upper Navy Hill, Building N-25. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than July 3, 2014.

/s/Esther L. Muna  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/Carmen C. Cabrera  
WIC Program Administrator

**Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

The Non-Communicable Disease Bureau under the Division of Public Health will be conducting a **Public Hearing** regarding the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

- Date: June 26, 2014
- Time: 6:00pm
- Place: Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Cafeteria



**Open to the Public**

# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY DIVISION

### 2014 Summer Youth Employment Training Program Qualifiers

#### Work Schedule: July 7 - August 1, 2014

2014 SYETP SAIPAN QUALIFIERS			
NAME	JOB TITLE	COMPANY/AGENCY	ORIENTATION & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
1 ADA, Kaichia Lynn	Clerk Trainee	DPH-Medicaid	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
2 ADA, Keolani Beatrice	Office Clerk Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
3 ADA, Nicholas Andrew	Summer Youth Camp Trainee	Garapan Community Development Center	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
4 ADEHERKOU, Francisca Ungil D.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DLNR-Division of Animal Health Industry	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
5 AGUITO, Ramon Jose R.	Agriculture Extension Trainee	DLNR-Division of Agriculture	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
6 AGUON, Brianna Lynn B.	Cashier Trainee	Ace Hardware San Vicente	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
7 ALARZAR, Sharmaine Rose M.	AT & Refrigeration Sales Rep Trainee	Chong's Corporation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
8 ALDAN, Anthony Joseph P.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Power Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
9 AMANDUS, Tirol	Animal Health Technician	DLNR-Division of Animal Health Industry	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
10 AMIN, Erick Joseph M.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-NAP	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
11 ANDY, Myron Jordan	Summer Youth Camp Trainee	Garapan Community Development Center	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
12 ANSAY, Faith Rose Y.	File Clerk Trainee	Bank of Saipan	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
13 ANUA, Kenti Yasmine	Clerk Trainee	CNIA-Judiciary-Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
14 BABAUTA, Veronnie Ann S.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
15 BABAUTA, Versalli B.	Parole Officer Aide Trainee	Board of Parole	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
16 BABAUTA, Vinae Remae S.	Probation Clerk Trainee	CNIA-Judiciary-Office of Probation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
17 BASILENT, Bryan John	Housekeeping Coordinator Trainee	Fiesta Resort & Spa	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
18 BENAVENTE, JI	Compliance Technician Trainee	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
19 BORIA, Antonia F.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Lower Base)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
20 BORIA, Juvelia H.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Financial Accounts & Management Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
21 CABRERA, Alejandro Andres B.	Front Desk Clerk Trainee	Capital Hotel & Beach Garden	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
22 CABRERA, Sherylyn E.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Lower Base)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
23 CAMACHO, Leana Pilar V.	Clerk Trainee	Council on Developmental Disabilities-AT Program	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
24 CASTRO, Marizet J.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Lower Base)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
25 CEPEDA, John Peter A.	Agriculture Extension Trainee	DLNR-Division of Agriculture	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
26 DELON GUERRERO, Lee Mark G.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
27 DIAZ, Davis Michael B. II	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Corrections	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
28 EMCABO, Frederick R.	Stocker Trainee	Ace Hardware Susupe	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
29 ESEFOW, Manny	Stocker Trainee	Ace Hardware San Vicente	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
30 ESNER, Amisou Tamison C.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Airport)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
31 ESNER, Krysten C.	Office Clerk Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
32 FAISAO, Jonavan Christopher C.	Parole Officer Aide Trainee	Board of Parole	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
33 FEJERAN, Donnie Vince S.	Supply Technician Trainee	DOF-Division of Procurement & Supply Contract Branch	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
34 FEJERAN, Jayson Benigno S.	Engineering Trainee	Aqua Resort Club	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
35 FRITZ, Ashley Norma H.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-NAP	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
36 GARDE, Rocco O.	Scale House Attendant Trainee	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
37 HELSON, Resty D.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPW-Administrative Services Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
38 ILO, Liliutan Miyoco	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DLNR-Division of Agriculture	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
39 INOS, David C.	HR Clerk Trainee	Fiesta Resort & Spa	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
40 ISKAWA, Greselin L.	Office Clerk Trainee	DOL-Enforcement Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
41 JAIMATOON, Marlyn P.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Passport Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
42 KAIAP, Aloisia BettyMarie	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (CK Post)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
43 KAIAP, Carmella Luge	Receptionist Trainee	DPH-Medicaid	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
44 KAIAP, Christine Mary W.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Office of the Secretary	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
45 KAIAP, Paul Joe W.	Clerk Trainee	Council on Developmental Disabilities-AT Program	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
46 KEREMEN, Angela H.	Outreach Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Cancer Association	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
47 KEREMEN, Mieko Reikohin H.	Environmental Trainee	BECCO-Safe Drinking Water Branch	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
48 LANGU, Richiko N.	Summer Youth Camp Trainee	Garapan Community Development Center	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
49 LEON GUERRERO, Nathan Drew H.	Agriculture Extension Trainee	DLNR-Division of Agriculture	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
50 LIMES, Scottie L.	Cultural Program Trainee	Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
51 LIZAMA, Duanelyn Loraine D.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Advertising Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
52 LIZAMA, Trinie Luisa A.	Receptionist Trainee	DPH-Medicaid	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
53 MALITY, Shana Lynn	Supply Technician Trainee	DOF-Division of Procurement & Supply Property Management Branch	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
54 MARAS, Russka RJ E.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPS-Technical Services Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
55 MARTIN, Carmet C.	Receptionist Trainee	DOF-Finance & Accounting Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
56 MENCHOR, Macklene M.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Celmar Enterprises	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
57 MENDIOLA, Chelsey Lynn J.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Passport Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
58 METRAO, Jessie O.	Summer Youth Camp Trainee	Garapan Community Development Center	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
59 METRAO, Jim Gary C.	Clerk Trainee	Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
60 MORI, Tahira Jei N.	Accounting Clerk Trainee	CNN-Judiciary-Office of Probation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
61 MUNGWATH, Rochelle S.L	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Airport)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
62 NGIRACHELUNG, Delista Ilo	Office Clerk Trainee	Board of Parole	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
63 NIWIES, Mary Gin	Clerk Trainee	CUC-Power Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
64 NIRO, Deiry	Clerk Trainee	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
65 NOBLE, Maria Angelica T.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPW-Administrative Services Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
66 NORITA, Atrion N.	Animal Health Technician	DLNR-Division of Animal Health Industry	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
67 NORITA, Bud Jason N.	Probation Clerk Trainee	CNA-Judiciary-Office of Probation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
68 OMAR, Damian Jessy	Supply Technician Trainee	DOF-Division of Procurement & Supply Warehouse Branch	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
69 ONGELUNCIEL, Cherry Jean K.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Real Estate Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
70 OTHONY, Brandy M.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Real Estate Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
71 PAGDUMAN, Jasmin S.	File Clerk Trainee	Bank of Saipan	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
72 PAGDUMAN, Ohea S.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Corrections	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
73 PALACIOS, Stacy Nicole I.	Probation Clerk Trainee	CNN-Judiciary-Office of Probation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
74 PANGELINAN, Junnie Tiane T.	Clerk Trainee	DPL-Administration Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
75 PANGELINAN, Lordinna Gineanne H.	Clerk Trainee	DPH-Medicaid	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
76 PAULIS, Jerilyn T.	Office Clerk Trainee	Capital Hotel & Beach Garden	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
77 PEREDO, Crystal Melvyn DLG.	Office Clerk Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
78 PETER, Fred D.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-NAP	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
79 PETER, Fremy	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Engineering Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
80 PETER, Marny	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Financial Accounts & Management Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
81 PUI, Alvin James L II	Community Development Trainee	Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
82 REBUENOG, Lance Bernard H.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-NAP	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
83 RIOS, Esteban A.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Warehouse Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
84 SABUAN, Victoria Timag D.	Computer Operator/ Data Entry Trainee	DOF-Division of Electronic Data Processing	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
85 SACHUO, Martin E.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Celmar Enterprises	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
86 SANCHEZ, Rodriguez Carmen	Front Desk Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
87 SEKOOL, Jercica Jessica P.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Office of the Secretary	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
88 SEMENS, Kavika D.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-NAP	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
89 SIECH, Kasper	Animal Health Technician	DLNR-Division of Animal Health Industry	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
90 SIECH, Narelle	Clerk Trainee	Commonwealth Development Authority	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
91 SINOUNOU, Francisco J.	Motor Rewinding Trainee	Armature Corporation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
92 SUDA, Scottson K.	Pro-Shop Attendant Trainee	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
93 TABULISMA, Ashley T.	Clerk Trainee	Council on Developmental Disabilities	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
94 TAITANO, Wilma Jean I.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Airport)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
95 TAMAN, Derek S.	Environmental Trainee	BECCO-Safe Drinking Water Branch	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
96 TAMAN, Joseph L.	Office Clerk Trainee	Commonwealth Cancer Association	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
97 TAULE, Christian William O.	Accounting Clerk Trainee	Fiesta Resort & Spa	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
98 TENORIO, Kyle Steve Aslamil P.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service (Airport)	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
99 TINSECOMAN, Brandon Kyle K.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPW-Technical Services Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
100 TOMEI, Rodelle K.	CADD Inspector Trainee	Henry K. Pangelinan & Associates, Inc.	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
101 VILLAGOME, Alisha Jenean E.	Pro-Shop Attendant Trainee	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
102 WABOL, Jolyn Rose N.	Office Clerk Trainee	CUC-Payroll Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
103 WEILBACHER, Hitler Bryan	AT & Refrigeration Technician Trainee	Chong's Corporation	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
104 WEITA, Jenny Loraine W.	Office Clerk Trainee	DOL-OSHA	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
105 WEITA, William W. Jr.	Office Clerk Trainee	DOL-Employment Services Division	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
106 AISEK, Jonder M.	Ice Plant Helper Trainee	JG Sabian Water & Ice, Inc.	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
107 ALARZAR, John Ralph M.	Accounting Clerk Trainee	Transpacific International, Inc-TI Office	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
108 ALDAN, John Vincent P.	Library Aide Trainee	Joeten Kuyu Public Library	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
109 ATALIG, Tairme	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Academic Programs & Services	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
110 ATAN, Aferson B.	Data Entry Clerk Trainee	Medical Referral Services	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-4pm Multi-Purpose Center
111 ATAN, Atan B.	Personnel Trainee	Office of Personnel Management	Tuesday, July 1, 2014 8am-

# \$35.3M Saipan airport runway rehab project still under construction

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Six years after the approval of one of the biggest and major undertakings of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the completion date or the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport's long-standing runway rehabilitation project is still undetermined.

The main runway rehabilitation was approved in 2009.

The project consists of rehabilitating the main runway and narrowing its width from 200 feet to 150 feet based on Federal Aviation Administration requirements, relocation of runway lights, posting of signs and markings, and restoring Runway 6/24 back to a parallel taxiway.

The Saipan airport's main runway, Runway 7/25, is over 25 years old.

Since it began renovation work on the runway, CPA has

been pushing back its completion date due to various issues and concerns. CPA's last target completion date of the project was set in December 2013 and the runway was supposed to be fully operational this fiscal year 2014.

Yesterday, CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama did not respond when inquired on what's the new target completion date for the runway project.

However, she assured that

the project continues to move forward and the ports authority continues to fully monitor the project under the guidance of FAA, which fully funded the project under its Airport Improvement Program.

"The CPA continues to monitor the progress of the project with oversight by the granting agency, the Federal Aviation Administration," Lizama said.

Lizama said the project contractor is GPPC Inc. and

the project construction manager is Hofschneider Engineering.

According to the executive director, the latest supplemental amount approved for the runway project totaled \$11,147,705 million and the overall cost to date is approximately \$35,330,376 million.

Lizama admitted that "there are issues as to the project, which requires CPA's attention and engagement with the

contractor and the construction manager."

"Hopefully these can be resolved and the project can proceed forward to completion as CPA will deal appropriately with all issues which arise during the construction period," Lizama assured yesterday.

CPA earlier said that the rehabilitation of the surface of the runway will allow another 20 years to provide a safe landing zone for the CNMI.

the township of Vaini.

Many of the businesses are owned by Chinese immigrants from Fujian province. The bars are there to protect them and their wares from attacks, which police say are sometimes racially motivated.

"There's a very substantial and recent population that has arrived from China and is having a major impact," says Graeme Smith, a research fellow at Australian National University's College of Asia & the Pacific. "It's frontier capitalism."

Smith says he's not convinced China has any grand designs for the Pacific region, such as securing access to tuna fisheries or minerals, as some have suggested. And he says that while China has historically used its largesse in the Pacific to compete with Taiwan for U.N. votes, relations between the two rivals have improved.

As for the plane, Tonga has asked the World Bank to take an independent look. And Perry, the tourism manager, says Tonga has also ordered some British-built BAE Jetstream-32 turboprop planes that may pick up some routes and reduce tensions.

"It's a big world," Perry says. "Hopefully we can all work together."

## 2 Saipan beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged two Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Chalan Laulau Beach and San Jose Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

# China's gift causes big trouble for tiny Tonga

By NICK PERRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga** (AP)—It's almost 10 a.m., but the barista at this tiny Pacific kingdom's domestic air terminal has yet to make a single cup of coffee.

Molly Fatai says her wages at the cafe have been cut by a third since last year. Flights leaving for Tonga's outer islands have been halved to two or three per day, except for Sundays, when there are no flights at all.

The absent coffee-drinkers are mainly New Zealanders, the most common visitors to these remote, poor and beautiful islands. The New Zealand airline that transported many of them has packed up and left, and New Zealand's government is warning its citizens not to use the local carrier.

"The economy of Tonga has suffered quite dramatically as a result," said Stuart Perry, the general manager of Tourism Tonga.

What set off this reaction from Tonga's wealthy neighbor and longtime friend? A newer, more distant and even wealthier friend—China—and its gift of a plane.

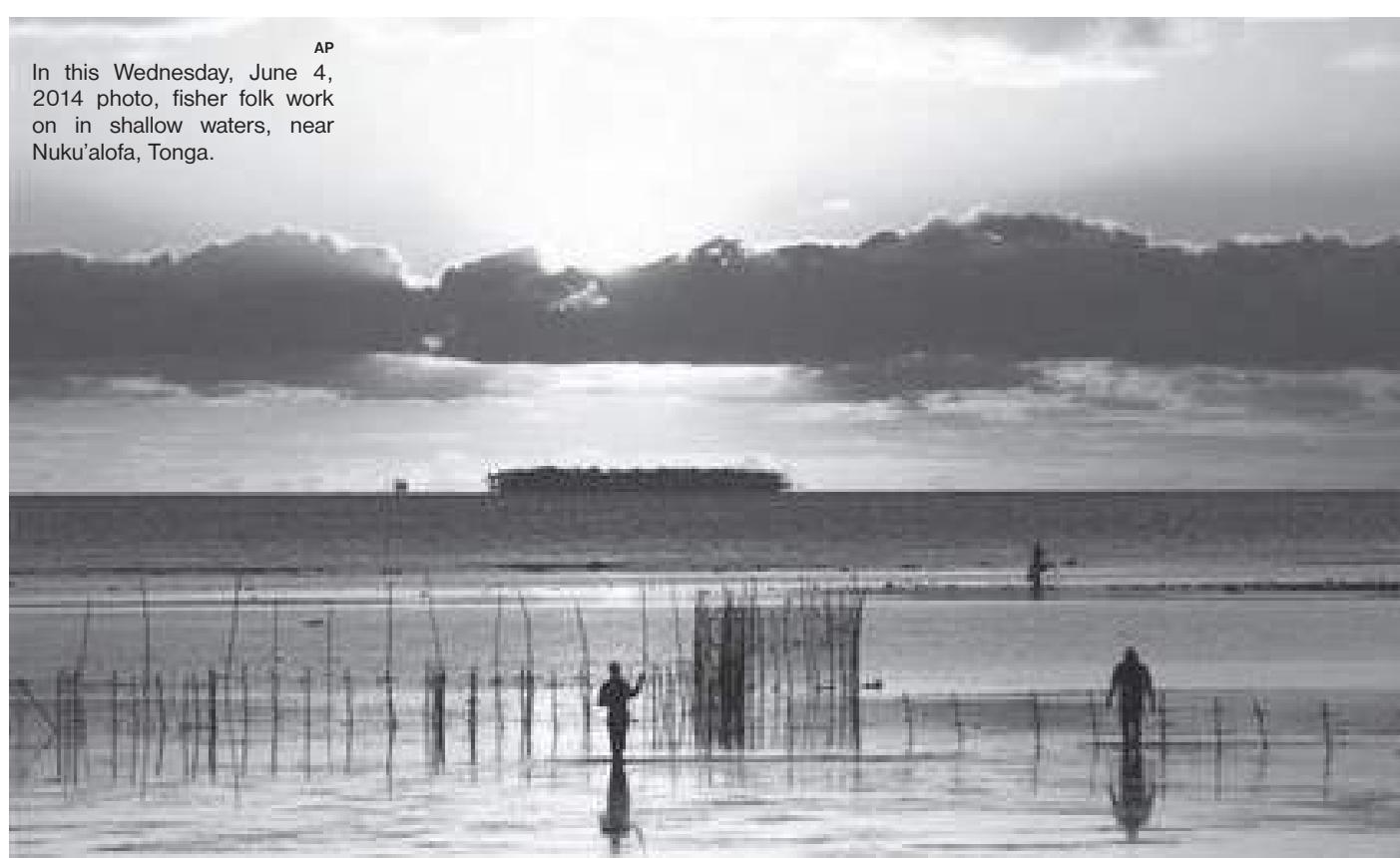
It's a tiny skirmish in a battle for global influence with unintended consequences for this nation of just over 100,000 people.

At Tonga's main airport, built by U.S. Army contractors during World War II, maintenance crews work on the troublesome freebie: a 60-seater turboprop Xian MA-60. Chickens peck about in coarse tropical grass as Sau Tongi picks up his young son and looks through the fence onto the runway.

"I don't know what they are fixing. It's a new plane," he says. "I don't think I'm going to fly on that plane. Better to be safe."

When Tonga took delivery of the plane, worth perhaps \$20 million including spare parts and training, it prompted New Zealand company Air Chathams to leave after five years rather than face what it considered to be subsidized competition. That left Real Tonga, which operates the MA-60, as the sole domestic operator.

"It was very sad for us. We put our heart and soul into it," said Air Chathams owner and chief executive Craig Emery.



The New Zealand government posted a travel advisory on its website, warning that MA-60 planes had been involved in several recent crashes in other countries and didn't have recognized certification. New Zealand also withheld about \$5 million in tourism aid.

"We can't just sit back and say, 'That's OK,'" New Zealand's Prime Minister John Key says of the plane's certification.

Tourists often come to Tonga seeking a more authentic experience than on more developed islands like Fiji and Tahiti. The industry is small yet makes an important contribution to the national income. Perry says those who rely on it are wondering if their businesses will survive.

Tonga has accused New Zealand of acting like a bully. It pointed out that New Zealand had not posted similar warnings for other countries operating MA-60s—something New Zealand says it will investigate. Tonga said the plane was properly certified by China and it planned to soon accept a second Chinese plane, a Harbin Y-12.

"We need all the planes we can get," said Vili Cocker, Tonga's civil aviation director. He said he didn't know of anything China wants in return.

"All I know is they are gen-

erous enough to offer these as gifts."

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said China had provided the plane at the request of the Tongan government "as a matter of bilateral economic and technical cooperation."

"China always supports providing assistance, without political conditions, to island nations," the ministry wrote in response to questions from The Associated Press.

China said it wanted to help "accelerate economic and social development" and improve people's lives in the Pacific, none of which was directed at forming political or military alliances.

New Zealand has long provided aid to Tonga, about \$26 million a year. Australia and the U.S. also contribute. Tonga, in turn, has maintained close ties with its Western allies, sending troops to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

But while the U.S. has talked about its renewed focus on this region, its so-called Pacific pivot, China appears to have a pivot of its own.

Over recent years, China has financed and built hospitals, schools, offices and roads across Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and other Pacific islands. It has offered Mandarin lessons and scholarships to thousands of students, and has hosted and trained hun-

dreds of government officials in Beijing.

Is it about altruism, or influence? In 2011, then-U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made her view clear:

"Let's put aside the humanitarian, do-good side of what we believe in. Let's just talk straight realpolitik. We are in competition with China," she told the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They have brought all of the leaders of these small Pacific nations to Beijing, wined them and dined them."

Since then, senior officials from both China and the U.S. have downplayed the notion they are competing in the Pacific, instead emphasizing the need to cooperate.

"There are always some people in China and the U.S. that tend to regard the other side as a chief rival or an enemy," said Wang Shaopu, director of the Center for Pan-Pacific Studies at Shanghai's Jiaotong University. "But the strategy, and the decision-makers, of both countries are trying to avoid that situation from happening."

Tonga's deeper ties with China began after 2006 when rioters sacked the capital, Nuku'alofa. Beijing offered loans with fabulous terms: 2 percent interest and deferred repayments. Budget records show Tonga

borrowed \$118 million—one quarter of its annual economy—from China's Export-Import Bank, a commercially run bank whose interest rates are sometimes subsidized by the Chinese government as a form of international aid.

Tonga used the money to construct downtown office buildings, pave roads and even add an extension to the king's palace. Tongan Prime Minister Lord Tu'ivakano said the loans were too good to turn down.

But not everyone was happy with the conditions. Crews from China completed much of the work, to the chagrin of Tongan tradespeople.

And now, the time to start paying back China is fast approaching. Tonga has tried and failed to have the debt forgiven. Instead, it has managed to defer principal payments until 2018, when it faces a brutal repayment schedule.

The World Bank says the repayments will have the effect of "substantially draining the government's cash balance," placing Tonga at "moderate" risk of debt distress.

There are other signs that many Tongans have mixed feelings about China's impact, such as the iron bars that fortify about a dozen small stores selling bread, canned meat and soda in

# Nation

## Judge: No-fly list violates constitutional rights

**PORLAND, Ore. (AP)**—The U.S. government offers no adequate method for people to challenge their placement on its no-fly list, a federal judge ruled Tuesday in a case involving 13 Muslims who believe they're on the list.

U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown found people lack

a meaningful way to challenge their placement on the list, which bars them from flying to or within the United States. She also said the 13 people who sued the government have been unconstitutionally deprived of their right to fly.

"This should serve as wakeup call to the government," said American Civil Liberties Union attorney Hina Shamsi. "This de-

cision also benefits other people wrongly stuck on the no-fly list because it affords them (an opportunity to challenge) a Kafkaesque bureaucracy."

U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Dena Iverson said government attorneys were reviewing the decision.

Thirteen people—including four military veterans—challenged their placement on the

list in 2010.

Initially, Brown said she couldn't rule on the case. In 2012, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed and sent the case back to her. Brown ruled in August that the 13 people challenging their presence on the list had a constitutional right to travel and, on Tuesday, found the government violated that right.

"For many," Brown wrote in Tuesday's decision, "international travel is a necessary aspect of liberties sacred to members of a free society."

The judge said placement on the no-fly list turns routine travel into an "odyssey," and some of those on the list have been subjected to detention and interrogation by foreign authorities.

The no-fly list, a well-protected government secret, decides who is barred from flying at U.S. airports, and is shared with ship captains and 22 other countries. The FBI has said the list requires secrecy to protect sensitive investigations and to avoid giving terrorists clues for avoiding detection.

The no-fly list contains thousands of names and has been one of the government's most public counterterrorism tools since 9/11. It also has been one of the most condemned, with critics saying some innocent travelers have been mistaken for terrorism suspects.

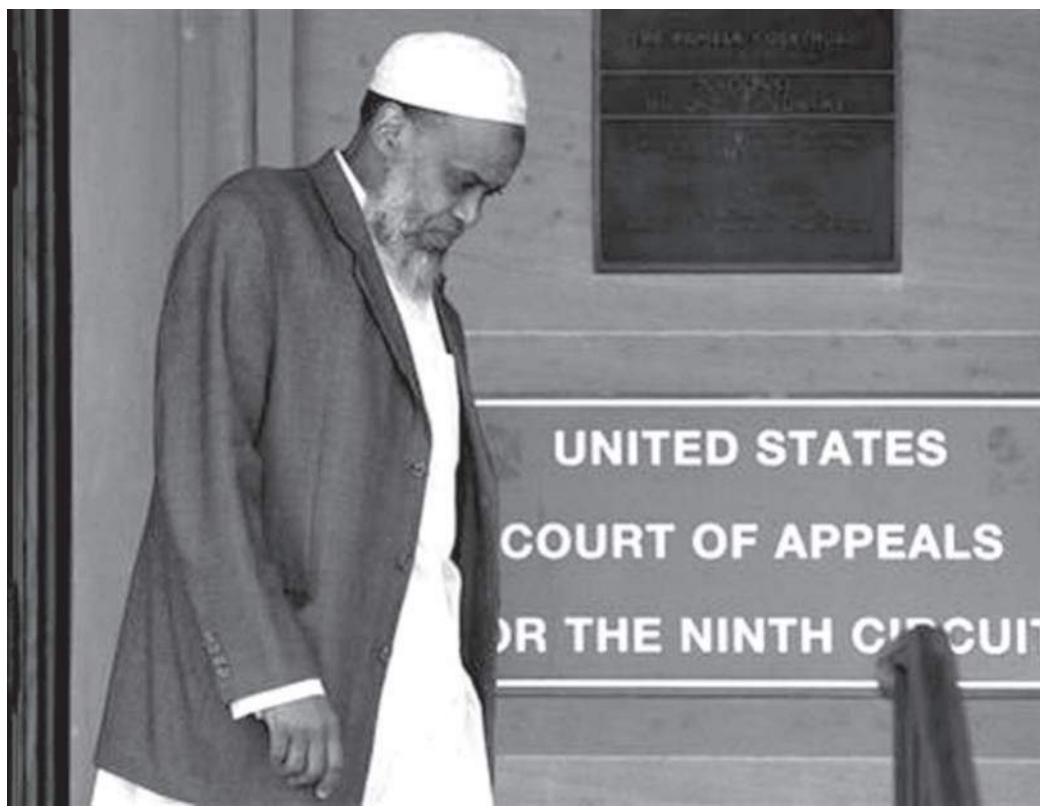
The plaintiffs argued being on the list harms their reputa-

tions. Several who filed suit said they have been surrounded at airport security areas, detained and interrogated.

Brown expressed skepticism at the government's arguments in several court hearings in 2013 and earlier this year. U.S. government attorneys cautioned the judge not to engage in "policymaking" were she to rule against them.

The ruling shows Brown heeded that caution. She did not create a new procedure for those on the list to challenge their placement. Instead, Brown said the Department of Homeland Security needs to find a way to disclose to those on the list the unclassified information used to place them there.

Since much of what is used for placement is classified, Brown said the government should provide people on the list with the nature and extent of the classified information, the type of threat they pose to national security, and the ways in which they can respond to the charges.



This May 11, 2012 file photo, Portland Imam Mohamed Sheikh Abdirahman Kariye, who is one of 15 men who say their rights were violated because they are on the U.S. government's no-fly list, leaves the United States Court of Appeals following oral arguments on the ACLU No Fly List challenge, in Portland, Ore.

## Why a grim US economic picture is brightening

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—When the government updates its estimate Wednesday of how the U.S. economy fared last quarter, the number is pretty sure to be ugly. Horrible even.

The economy likely shrank at an annual rate of nearly 2 percent in the January-March quarter, economists estimate. That would be its bleakest performance since early 2009 in the depths of the Great Recession.

So why aren't economists,

businesses or investors likely to panic?

Because most agree that the economy last quarter was depressed by temporary factors—particularly the blast of Arctic chill and snow that shuttered factories, disrupted shipping and kept Americans away from shopping malls and auto dealerships.

Since then, the picture has brightened. Solid hiring, growth in manufacturing and surg-

ing auto sales have lifted the economy at a steady if still-unspectacular pace. That said, sluggish pay growth and a stumbling housing rebound have restrained the expansion. But the economy's recovery continues.

"We had a very bad first quarter, but the first quarter is history," says Craig Alexander, chief economist at TD Bank. "It doesn't tell you where the economy is going, which is in a direction of more strength."

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

### Accountant

Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in Property and Casualty Insurance, handling cashiering, disbursements, receivables, payables, purchasing and general accounting procedures. Knowledge in SAP R3 FICO system, General Insurance Information System, MS Word and Excel software is an advantage. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd.

Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, July 07, 2014.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

**Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**ITB NO.: ITB14-DPW/FHWA-105 (A-C)**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 08, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) DESKTOP COMPUTER UNITS AND FOUR (4) LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SECTION"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary Of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
RFP NO.: RFP14-BECQ-120**

**SUBMISSION: JULY 29, 2014 TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

**"INSTALLATION OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATION FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"**

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER JUNE 26, 2014 AT THE BECQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO christianwallace@deq.gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE 2ND FLOOR DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM (RM.205). QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FAXIMILE TO MR. CHRISTIAN WALLACE, BECQ NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AT (670) 664-8540 OR BY E-MAIL TO christianwallace@deq.gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 18, 2014. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAUIMAN  
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY**

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing plus experience in F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese or Korean language will be an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**ACCOUNTANT**

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/Sage or similar accounting system. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants must submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by September 14, 2014. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

**D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment.**  
Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

# World

## Iraqi prime minister's focus is to defend Baghdad

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is ready to concede, at least temporarily, the loss of much of Iraq to Sunni insurgents and is instead deploying the military's best-trained and equipped troops to defend Baghdad, Iraqi officials told The Associated Press Tuesday.

Shiite militias responding to a call to arms by Iraq's top cleric are also focused on protecting the capital and Shiite shrines, while Kurdish fighters have grabbed a long-coveted oil-rich city outside their self-ruled territory, ostensibly to defend it from the al-Qaida breakaway group.

With Iraq's bitterly divided sects focused on self-interests, the situation on the ground is increasingly looking like the fractured state the Americans have hoped to avoid.

"We are facing a new reality and a new Iraq," the top Kurdish leader, Massoud Barzani, told U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday in Irbil, capital of the self-ruled Kurdish region in northern Iraq.

Two weeks after a series of disastrous battlefield setbacks in the north and west, al-Maliki is struggling to devise an effective strategy to repel the relentless advances by militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a well-trained and mobile force thought to have some 10,000 fighters inside Iraq. The response by government forces has so far been far short of a counteroffensive, restricted mostly to areas where Shiites are in danger of falling prey to the Sunni extremists or around a major Shiite shrine north of Baghdad.

These weaknesses were highlighted when the government tried but failed to retake Tal Afar, a mixed Shiite-Sunni city of some 200,000 that sits strategically near the Syrian border. The government claimed it had retaken parts of the city but the area remains under the control of the militants after a battle in which some 30 volunteers and troops were killed.

Government forces backed by helicopter gunships have also fought for a week to defend Iraq's largest oil refinery in Beiji, north of Baghdad, where a top military official said Tuesday that Sunni militants were regrouping for another push to capture the sprawling facility.

In the face of militant advanc-

es that have virtually erased Iraq's western border with Syria and captured territory on the frontier with Jordan, al-Maliki's focus has been the defense of Baghdad, a majority Shiite city of 7 million fraught with growing tension. The city's Shiites fear they could be massacred and the revered al-Kazimiyah shrine destroyed if Islamic State fighters capture Baghdad. Sunni residents also fear the extremists, as well as Shiite militiamen in the city, who they worry could turn against them.

The militants have vowed to march to Baghdad and the holy Shiite cities of Najaf and Karbala, a threat that prompted the nation's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, to issue an urgent call to arms that has resonated with young Shiite men.

The military's best-trained and equipped forces have been deployed to bolster Baghdad's defenses, aided by U.S. intelligence on the militants' movements, according to the Iraqi officials, who are close to al-Maliki's inner circle and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss such sensitive issues.

## Ukraine's cease-fire jeopardized by deadly attack

**MOSCOW** (AP)—The shaky cease-fire in Ukraine was thrown into peril Tuesday when pro-Moscow separatists shot down a Ukrainian military helicopter, killing nine servicemen.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko warned he may end the weeklong truce ahead of time. The deadly attack came a day after the rebels vowed to respect the cease-fire, which began last Friday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, meanwhile, played the peacemaker, urging Ukraine to extend the truce and sit down for talks with the rebels. He also moved to rescind a parliamentary resolution authorizing him to use the Russian military in Ukraine.

Poroshenko declared the

cease-fire as part of a plan to end two months of fighting between government troops and pro-Russian insurgents in the east. The violence, which erupted after the Kremlin's lightning annexation of Crimea in March, has left hundreds dead.

The cease-fire has been repeatedly broken by sporadic clashes, and it was violated again Tuesday when rebels used a shoulder-fired missile to down a helicopter in Sloviansk, a key flashpoint in the insurgency.

Poroshenko said in a statement that the insurgents had fired on Ukrainian positions 35 times since the cease-fire was announced, and he instructed Ukrainian soldiers to fire back "without hesitation" if attacked.

"The president doesn't ex-

pect that his phone call, set for Wednesday, with Putin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande would lead to "practical steps by Russia to disarm and recall mercenaries from Ukraine and ensure the reliable protection of the border."

The U.S. and NATO have accused Russia of supporting the rebellion in the east with troops and weapons. Moscow has denied that, saying Russian citizens who joined the insurgents were acting on their own.

## Ferry survivors return to school amid tears, grief

**ANSAN, South Korea** (AP)—As parents of the dead wept, more than 70 teenagers who survived a ferry sinking that killed hundreds of their schoolmates walked in a somber procession Wednesday to their first classes since the April disaster. Some of the 74 students, wearing white and black uniforms and carrying book bags, bowed their heads as they cried and walked slowly from a bus to the school entrance. Some stopped to hug the parents of their friends. Adults carried banners of encouragement. One read: "We pray the dead will rest in peace." Another simply said: "I love you." The anger, grief and deep remorse at Danwon High School in Ansan, outside of Seoul, was a reflection of what many South Koreans have felt since the April 16 sinking that left more than 300 people dead or missing. Most of the dead were students from Danwon who were on a class trip to the southern holiday island of Jeju.

# Environment

## Being Water Wise: Embracing a low H2O lifestyle



BAY AREA NEWS GROUP/MCT

Water conservationist Elizabeth Dougherty poses with one of her cisterns at her home in Oakland, Calif., Feb. 12, 2014.

By DANA HULL  
THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE

out of your tap."

Dougherty, 56, has a Ph.D. in ethnography from the University of Pennsylvania and has been an advocate for sustainable living for decades. She spent two years working as a program manager for "Flex Your Power," California's statewide energy-efficiency marketing and outreach campaign. She then taught permaculture, which draws from organic farming and sustainable development, in rural Peru.

In the ongoing drought, conservation-minded Dougherty epitomizes the "low-H2O" lifestyle and ranks among the most water-thrifty customers. And if some of her strategies are not for everyone—she wears her clothes at least three times before washing them—others may have wider appeal in a year when everyone is being urged to conserve.

She collects rainwater from the roof of the 1,250-square-foot North Oakland, Calif., home she shares with a housemate; the three large rain cisterns collectively hold more than 1,100 gallons, which she will use to grow vegetables this spring and summer. Her garden is filled with succulents and drought-tolerant plants. She has a low-flow toilet and "laundry-to-landscape" system to divert "graywater" from the washing machine to outdoor trees. She keeps a five-gallon bucket on hand to collect water from the shower.

"I don't even call it water anymore," said Dougherty, who has been known to get into arguments with friends after dinner parties if they leave the tap water running while washing dishes. "It's a river. This is a river flowing

instant. Get that low-flow toilet you've been wanting. Call your water agency and ask for rebates on these or take advantage of existing rebates and incentives."

Toilets account for roughly 20 percent of average indoor water use. Many older models use 3.5 gallons to as much as 7 gallons per flush, or gpf. With the average person flushing at least five times a day, that quickly adds up. A 1.6 gpf toilet, which became the industry standard in the 1990s, uses about 2,900 gallons a year. Switching to a 1.28 gpf "high efficiency toilet" cuts that to 2,300 gallons a year. Dougherty's low-flush toilet uses just 0.8 gpf, and she doesn't flush it every time (a good motto: If it's yellow, let it mellow; if it's brown, flush it down).

When it comes to appliances such as the clothes washer, a front-loading washer is more water efficient than a top-loading one. But Dougherty takes it one step further: She wears most clothes at least three times before washing them, and does laundry about once every 10 days.

Experts in water conservation say one reason Americans don't conserve water is because of pricing. "We have inexpensive water in the United States," said David Sunding, an economist and co-director of the Berkeley Water Center at the University of California. "There's not a technical barrier to getting down to lower levels of consumption. If we incentivized conservation, we'd get more of it."

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### China sends 1st minister-level official to Taiwan

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—China has sent its first ever ministerial-level official to Taiwan for four days of meetings to rebuild ties with the self-ruled island that Beijing claims as its own, after mass protests in Taipei set back relations earlier this year. Zhang Zhijun, minister of Beijing's Taiwan Affairs Office, reached the island's main airport just before noon Wednesday to speak privately with his government counterpart about cutting import tariffs and establishing consular-style offices helpful to investors and tourists. China and Taiwan have been separately ruled since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s. China sees the island as part of its territory that eventually must be reunified—by force if necessary—despite a Taiwanese public largely wary of the notion of Chinese rule. In 2008, Beijing set aside its military threats to sign agreements binding its economy to that of the investment-hungry island.

# Life & Style

## Oldman apologizes for defending Gibson and Baldwin

NEW YORK (AP)—Gary Oldman has apologized for defending fellow actors Mel Gibson and Alec Baldwin from critics of their controversial remarks about Jews and gays.

"I am deeply remorseful that comments I recently made in the Playboy Interview were offensive to many Jewish people," Oldman wrote in an open letter to the Anti-Defamation League late Tuesday. "Upon reading my comments in print—I see how insensitive they may be, and how they may indeed contribute to the furtherance of a false stereotype."

During the expletive-laden Playboy interview, Oldman derided the "political correctness" that ensnared Gibson and Baldwin. Gibson delivered an anti-Semitic rant in 2006 while being arrested for drunk driving.



This Jan. 4, 2014 file photo shows actor Gary Oldman speaking at the Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala at the Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs, Calif. AP

## 'Star Wars' creator selects Chicago for museum

CHICAGO (AP)—"Star Wars" creator George Lucas announced Tuesday that he has picked Chicago to host his much-anticipated museum of art and movie memorabilia, in a major victory for the nation's third-largest city.

San Francisco and Los Angeles also had sought the museum. Lucas said in a written statement that he hopes to open the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in 2018.

"I am humbled to be joining such an extraordinary museum community and to be creating the museum in a city that has a long tradition of embracing the arts," the statement said.

The selection was somewhat of a surprise, given Lucas' close ties to California: He is a native of the state, Lucasfilm's visual effects division is based in San Francisco and the headquarters for Lucasfilm and Skywalker Sound is across the Golden Gate

Bridge in Marin County.

But Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel pushed hard for his city. And Chicago was always given a good chance at the Lucas museum, in large part because Lucas' wife, Mellody Hobson, a prominent businesswoman, is from Chicago and the city closed down Promontory Point along the Lake Michigan shore so the couple could host a star-studded party to celebrate after the couple's California wedding.

For the Lucas museum, Chicago offered up a slice of real estate along the lakefront that's near other attractions, including the Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum of Natural History. At the same time, San Francisco suffered a setback when it rejected Lucas' first choice of a location near the Golden Gate Bridge.

Emanuel has long been trying to portray Chicago as a global destination. Throughout the decision process, a spokesman for Lucas praised the city for the attention it heaps on culture, architecture, innovations and education—some of which are the themes Lucas' museum will seek to promote.

"Chicago's a great city. We have a tradition that resonates closely with the way George Lucas has described his museum, as a museum of visual storytelling," said Gillian Darlow, CEO of Polk Bros. Foundation and a co-chair of Chicago's site selection task force. "He wants to help inspire other people, especially kids, to have bold visions the way he did."

Emanuel met with reporters briefly Tuesday evening at City Hall to announce the decision. "I can't thank George and Mellody enough," Emanuel said. He pledged to work with the community to develop plans for the museum.

and he later apologized. Baldwin last year was accused of using an anti-gay slur in a New York City street confrontation.

Oldman said that Gibson "got drunk and said a few things, but we've all said those things. We're all (expletive) hypocrites." He said he didn't blame Baldwin for using the slur because somebody bothered him.

"Mel Gibson is in a town that's run by Jews and he said the wrong thing because he's actually bitten the hand that I guess has fed him, and doesn't need to feed him anymore because he's got enough dough," Oldman said in the interview.

In his later letter, first re-

ported by the industry website Deadline.com, Oldman wrote, "I hope you will know that this apology is heartfelt, genuine, and that I have an enormous personal affinity for the Jewish people in general, and those specifically in my life."

Oldman's Playboy comments had drawn a sharp response from Jewish leaders.

"Gary Oldman wants Jews to 'get over' what Mel Gibson said. But what Gibson said, was the slogan that Adolf Hitler used to murder six million Jews," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. "(Oldman's) comment that Hollywood is a town

'run by Jews' has a very familiar sinister ring to it that is the anthem of bigots and anti-Semites everywhere. That has nothing to do with political correctness," Hier said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Douglas Urbanski, Oldman's longtime manager, said in an earlier email to the AP that his client was not defending his fellow actors, despite Oldman's comment in the article that he was indeed defending the actors.

"It simply cannot be read any other way, and to put it any other way is simply cherry picking something, stating it inaccurately, and creating news where there is none," Urbanski said.

## Dylan's 'Like a Rolling Stone' draft sells for \$2M

NEW YORK (AP)—A draft of one of the most popular songs of all time, Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone," sold Tuesday for \$2 million, which the auction house called a world record for a popular music manuscript.

A working draft of the finished song in Dylan's own hand went to an unidentified bidder at Sotheby's. The selling price, \$2.045 million, included a buyer's premium.

The manuscript is "the only known surviving draft of the final lyrics for this transformative rock anthem," Sotheby's said.

The draft is written in pencil on four sheets of hotel letterhead stationery with revisions, additions, notes and doodles: a hat, a bird, an animal with antlers. The stationery comes from the Roger Smith Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Dylan was 24 when he recorded the song in 1965 about a debutante who becomes a loner when she's cast from upper-class social circles.

"How does it feel To be on your own" it says in his handwriting. "No direction home Like a complete unknown Like a rolling stone."

Scrawls seem to reflect the artist's experimentation with rhymes.

The name "Al Capone" is scrawled in the margin, with a line leading to the lyrics "Like a complete unknown."

Another note says: "...dry vermouth, you'll tell the truth..."



In this Jan. 12, 2012 file photo, Bob Dylan performs in Los Angeles. AP

Sotheby's described the seller as a longtime fan from California "who met his hero in a non-rock context and bought directly from Dylan." He was not identified.

The manuscript was offered as part of Sotheby's rock and pop music sale.

In 2010, John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for "A Day in the Life," the final track on the Beatles' classic 1967 album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," sold for \$1.2 million, the record for such a sale.

## Expectant mom's disappointment more common than she thinks

**DEAR ABBY:** When I read the letter from "Undeserving Title of Mommy" (March 4), the pregnant woman who was saddened by the fact that she's expecting a baby boy instead of the girl she had hoped for, my heart went out to her. I was reminded of something I had read about, a condition called gender depression or gender disappointment.

In the cursory search I did, it was almost always described as what this mother seems to be feeling—disappointment, sadness, guilt, etc. Unfortunately, this condition isn't widely discussed, in much the same way that postpartum depression isn't talked about. However, from what I've discovered, the writer is far from the only woman to experience this.

Many women describe their feelings about gender disappointment on parenting websites. This may be a good start, opening a discussion for this woman on what she is feeling. She should also consider talking to her doctor to find out what resources may be available to her as she works through this.

I hope she finds the help she needs. I wish her well.

CONCERNED IN NEW MEXICO

**DEAR CONCERNED:** Thank you for the suggestion. Many women sympathized with "Undeserving." Read on for more responses:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a son, and when I was carrying him, I felt the same way. I didn't think I could love him like I could love a daughter. I didn't tell anyone about my feelings and I, too, felt like a monster.

But this all changed once I held my son for the first time. I can't imagine now living without my little guy, and I wouldn't change him for the world.

"Undeserving" is not alone. Many women feel this way about having a son. Like Abby said, don't rush into signing any papers, because you may find that when you hold him for the first time, you will fall in love and you would deeply regret having done so.

UNDERSTANDING MOM

**DEAR ABBY:** "Undeserving Mommy," you are so lucky to be the mother of a prince. Every princess dreams of marrying a prince. You need to reread the fairy tales and get some counseling

GRANDMOTHER OF PRINCESSES AND PRINCE CHARMING

**DEAR ABBY:** You should have also advised that woman that before she has four children -- princes or princesses -- she should get an education, a job and a husband so society won't have to support her little "kingdom." Too many children have no father figure to help raise them. I spent my working life striving to educate my children, and achieving that goal is much more difficult when there aren't two loving parents to share the job.

FRED IN THE MIDWEST

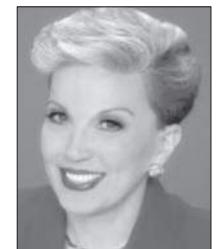
**DEAR ABBY:** Even if that child was another girl, there is no guarantee that she would be a girly-girl; she could easily be a tomboy, gay or prefer sports to tea parties. There is also no

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



guarantee that the little girl "Undeserving" already has will be a girly-girl.

Abby, you were right to advise counseling. This unwed mother shows disturbing signs of living in a fantasy world. And it may well be that the precious baby boy she is expecting would be better off being raised by the father and his family.

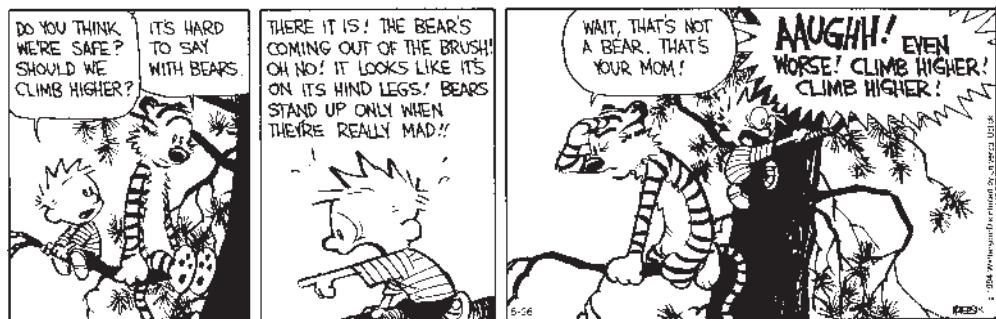
JANE IN ST. JOHNS, MICH.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

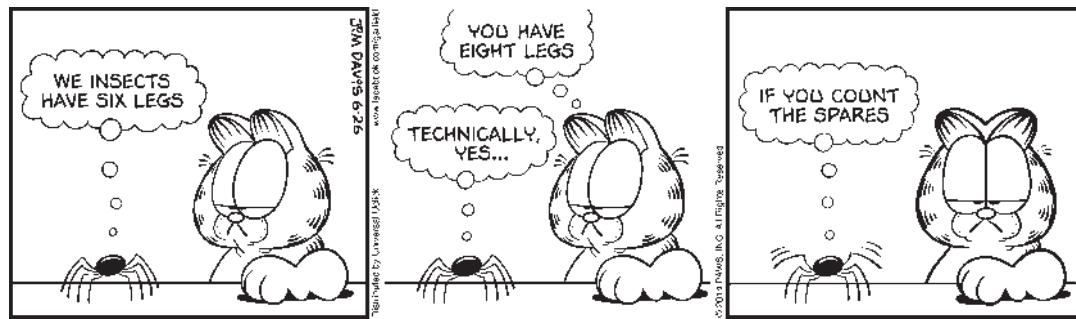
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson

## Garfield®



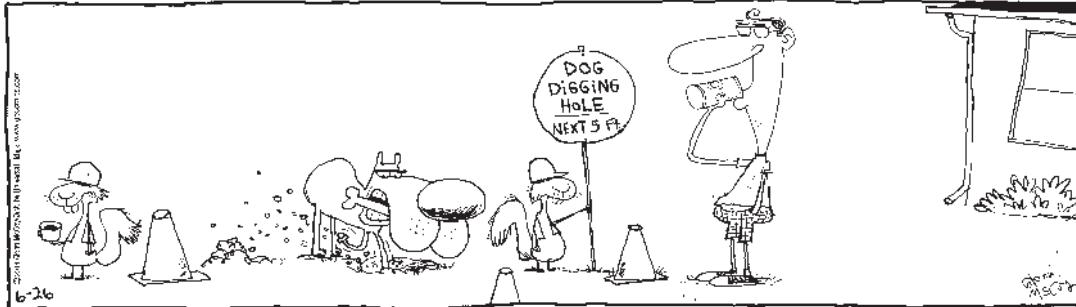
By Jim Davis

## Adam@home



By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

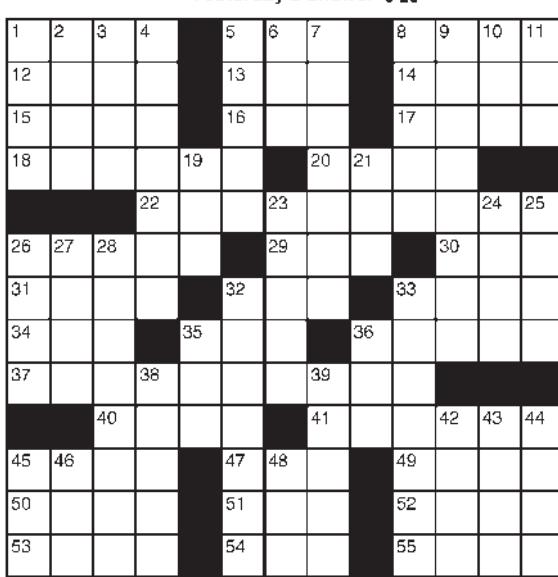
By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36	Saunter	DOWN	21	Come-
1 Untalk- ative one	37	"I Am Woman"	1 Applaud	1 Comed- ian	35
5 Police officer	40	Wom- an singer	2 Tra followers	2 Margaret Margaret	Chris O'Donnell, 44.
8 Tweety's house	41	Lacking slack	3 Cupid's specialty	23 Obliterate	
12 Tibetan monk	45	Gum arabic	4 Corre- sponded	24 Hibernia	
13 "Wha'dja say?"	47	"Oh, woe"	5 Relax	25 Fix, in a sense	
14 Cameo stone	49	Long. crosser	6 African lute	26 Trig, e.g.	
15 Greatly		Amateur- night	28 Poe's "The — Heart"	27 Theater trophy	
16 "— not choose to run"		item, often	7 Capital of Arizona	28	
17 Arrived	50	Double agent	8 Winter warmer- upper	29	
18 Package	51	Leading lady?	9 Studies in depth	30	
20 Green- peace subj.	52	Author Wiesel	10 Workout venue	31	
22 "First Lady of the American Theater"	53	Skating leap	11 PC file exten- sion	32	
26 Roadside stopover	54	Blue	19 Moray,	33	
29 Carnival city	55	"Phooey!"	for one	34	
30 Speed along				35	
31 Sleeping					
32 Levy					
33 Miles of movies					
34 Up to					
35 Astronaut Grissom					

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 6-26



For answers to today's crossword, call  
1-900-226-5955 99¢ per minute, touch-  
tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King  
Features service, NYC.

## STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Schwartzman, 34; Derek Jeter, 40; Ryan Tedder, 35; Chris O'Donnell, 44.

**Happy Birthday:** Keep your life simple and meaningful. Overindulging mentally, physically, emotionally or financially will add to your stress and postpone your ability to reach your goals. Work quietly on your own where you can accomplish the most with the least interference. Focus on creativity and taking a unique path that will give you greater vision and clarity regarding your future. Your numbers are 3, 10, 22, 24, 31, 36, 43.



**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Get together with friends, neighbors or people in your community. A kind gesture will help you get the support you need to make changes. Travel, gaining experience and educational pursuits will help you make wise choices regarding future prospects. **★★★**



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Finish what you start and take a moment to relax. You will be criticized for your attitude if you aren't a team player. Do what you can to add comfort to your home and to stabilize an important relationship. **★★★**



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): An emotional issue should be dealt with quickly. Your immediate response will make a difference to how others react. Make subtle changes to the way you look and it will boost your confidence. Using innovative means to complete your work will be applauded. **★★★**



**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): There will be plenty of underlying situations that develop today. Let your intuition guide

you in the choices you make. Things will not be as they appear, and the wrong assumption can damage your reputation. Don't share personal information. **★★★**



**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make professional and domestic changes that will improve your life. Put a little muscle behind what you want to achieve and success will be yours. Getting involved in a cause will lead to new and exciting connections. **★★★★**



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be diplomatic when dealing with colleagues. You will be misinterpreted if you aren't articulate. Emotions will be difficult to hide, but in the end, you will excel if you can show control and handle everyone with dignity. **★★★**



**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn new skills and pursue information. Making a move mentally or physically will help you feel good about who you are and what you do. Love is on the rise, and making a personal choice will lead to greater happiness. **★★★★**



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be cautious when signing contracts or considering investments. Someone isn't likely to reveal hidden stipulations. Put greater emphasis on your home, family and life philosophy. A change with regard to work or those you work with will be in your favor. **★★★**



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being evasive will not help you sidestep personal problems. You are better off to face the music and make the changes necessary to improve your life. Love is on the rise, but doing what's right must be your first consideration. **★★★**



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A

## EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD  
IN ASTROLOGYCOURTESY 2007  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

unique approach to work will help you gain interest in your pursuit. You will make good decisions that will lead to financial gains. A professional move or a new partnership will have its advantages. Share and you will prosper. **★★★**

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on getting ahead financially. Tie up any unfinished legal business or medical concerns. The more creative you allow yourself to be, the further you will go. Plan to have some fun with the people who mean a lot to you. **★★★**

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to the truth. Embellishing the past will end up hurting you in the future. Problems with someone you want to collaborate with will leave you with a plan that you cannot bring to fruition. Compromise will be necessary. **★★★**

**Birthday Baby:** You are chatty, sensitive and protective. You are inventive and entertaining.

Eugenia's website—[eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](http://twitter/facebook/linkedin).

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

1			8		
6	4			7	
	6	8			
5	7				
4	8	3	5	9	1
4	8	3	5	9	1
5	7				
4	8	3	5	9	1
5	7				
3		7		4	5
	9				

Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	2	8	7	3	6	9	5	1
9	6	5	2	8	1	7	3	4
7	3	1	9	5	4	2	6	8
2	9	4	3	7	8	5	1	6
1	5	6	4	2	9	8	7	3
8	7	3	1	6	5	4	2	9
5	4	2	6	9	3	1	8	7
6	1	7	8	4	2	3	9	5
3	8	9	5	1	7	6	4	2

Difficulty Level ★★★

## WONDERWORD®

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEM. LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE 2014 KENTUCKY DERBY

Solution: 16 letters

N	C	N	O	I	T	I	T	E	P	M	O	C	B	R
O	A	P	E	L	U	J	T	N	I	M	I	A	U	E
I	C	O	L	T	S	E	T	S	A	F	N	N	R	N
T	R	O	N	R	E	V	O	G	L	T	F	D	G	N
I	P	J	O	C	K	E	Y	B	N	O	I	Y	O	I
D	I	K	S	I	F	O	R	O	R	E	E	B	W	O
A	C	C	A	B	I	N	M	T	S	O	L	O	W	A
R	K	A	E	N	A	L	H	R	O	A	D	Y	N	G
T	S	R	S	Y	E	E	U	S	A	D	D	L	E	E
E	E	T	U	B	R	P	G	N	I	N	N	U	R	R
K	I</													

# CLASSIFIED ADS



## EMPLOYMENT

R.E.A.L. International Corp. is looking for 1 General Manager, 1 Electrician, 2 Masons, 2 Carpenters & 4 Seamstress/Dressmakers. Email resume to remypamintuan@gmail.com

## BUYING USED CARS

Looking for used cars 2008 & up, Sienna and 4Runner. Good condition. We pay CASH! 287-7676

## CMLC ARTHA CO., LTD.

P.O.Box 500439, Saipan, MP 96950

### Job Vacancy Announcement

#### 1 Dive Master

Salary \$1,000 – \$1,300 per month  
Worker's compensation provided.  
Duty Meal.

Must possess current Scuba Diving instructor license from a Professional Scuba Diving Association (PADI, NAUI, CMAS). Must have at least 2 years experience as an instructor.

Interested U.S. applicants may call tel. 234-9157 or email resume to acctg.cmlc@gmail.com

## EWGE Corporation

### Job Vacancy Announcement

#### (1) Video Sales Clerk

(Four years experience)

**Requirements:**  
 □ High school diploma or equivalent (18 years or older)  
 □ Computer skills must be efficient and must be able to read and write English language  
 □ Assist customers in movie selection for rental and purchase with a broad background in movies entertainment  
 □ Prepare monthly report for stock inventory  
 □ Dress neatly and appropriately with good salesmanship skills  
 □ Provide resume, police and health clearance when applying for the job  
 □ Flexible days off – Salary \$5.55 per hour  
 If interested please call: 235-6988

## LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

American gentleman wants to meet a nice lady. Enjoy happy times with a nice man. Call to meet 287-5522

### Job Vacancy Announcement

#### (5) Field Service Technician

- 2-4 years experience in the field or related area
- Strong working knowledge of smartphones and tablets
- Maintains, analyzes, troubleshoots, and repairs computer systems, hardware and computer peripherals.
- Must have valid US Licensed in Computer Technology
- Salary \$55/hr

Send resume and application letter to Ladringan Incorporated, P.O. Box 7374 SVB, Saipan MP 96950 or email at benjife@hotmail.com. Tel No. (670) 233-5641

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER (1)** Min 5 yrs exp in administrative and HR functions. Knowledgeable in Peachtree prog, prepares tax reports, handles permits, licenses & workers' immig docs. Represents the company before banks & govt agencies. Clears container shipment/docs at Customs. College grad. Salary depends on qualifications & exp.

**CARPENTER (1)** Min 5 yrs exp in bldg repairs, maintenance & installation such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical & others. Familiar in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws. Knowledgeable in using maintenance tools & equipment. Must have a certification from OSHA const industry safety & health training. Salary depends on qualifications.

Send resume to honge@pticom.com **HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.**

## APARTMENTS FOR RENT



Realty Management Services

### Fina Sisu Terraces

Small 1-BR, 1-BTH. Unit approximately 284 sq. ft. \$250/month.

2-BR, 1-BTH. \$350-\$550/month. Close to NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted.

### Ocean View Terraces

(Navy Hill) Unit Approximately 642 sq/ft Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apt with private balcony & beautiful view. \$600/month

### Sunset View Terraces

(Navy Hill) Unit Approximately 642 sq/ft Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apt with private balcony & beautiful view. \$550/month

### Hilltop Condominium

(San Vicente) Unit approximately 1,024sq/ft Luxury 2BR & 2BTH Apt with private balcony & majestic view. \$700/month

Luxury 1BR & 1BTH approximately 600 sq/ft \$500/month

### Wi-Fi & nighttime security excluded

#### FEATURES:

- Fully Furnished
- Back-up Generator
- Air-conditioning in all rooms
- FREE WiFi
- Laundry Area
- Nighttime Security
- Ample Parking
- 24hr water

Please visit our website at [www.saipan-properties.com](http://www.saipan-properties.com)  
Call for an appointment  
235-6527/8 or 285-1317.

## WANTED

## NEWS REPORTER

The *Saipan Tribune* is looking for a FULL-TIME news reporter.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Can work within deadlines;
- Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player;
- Computer literate;
- With photography skills;
- Must have reliable means of transportation.

If you have what it takes to be part of a dynamic team, email your résumé and samples of your work to [editor@saipantribune.com](mailto:editor@saipantribune.com). You may also drop it off at the *Saipan Tribune* office on the second floor of the JP Center Building on Beach Road, Garapan. ON-ISLAND HIRES PREFERRED.

Saipan Tribune, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified women, minorities, and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

WHATZIT Solution: Train of thought

## CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

*Saipan Tribune's* Classified Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

## CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

*Saipan Tribune* also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 5-day run in both print and online editions, for as low as \$30 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

### ADS

COMBO	(PRINT AND ONLINE)
3-Liner	\$15
5-Liner	\$24

## ADVERTISING DEADLINE

### Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

## CANCELLATION

### Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

## REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

## CHECK YOUR ADS

*Saipan Tribune* will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

## ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the *Saipan Tribune* are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

**WHATZIT?**™

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

**CONCENTRATION**

[www.facebook.com/dingbatsgames](http://www.facebook.com/dingbatsgames)

Subscribe to the CNMI's First Daily Newspaper.

Call 235-NEWS

# Nadal's grass-court winning streak now stands at 1



**LONDON**  
(AP)—Chasing a shot to his right, Rafael Nadal slipped and tumbled to the Centre Court turf. He popped up, raced across the baseline to get back into the point, and later capped the 14-stroke exchange with a backhand passing winner.

The reason for the two-time Wimbledon champion's recent inability to play well on grass remains something of a mystery. As far as Nadal was concerned Tuesday, all that mattered was that he dusted himself off and eventually ended a three-match—and seven-set—losing streak on the slick surface.

Overcoming a deficit against a flat-hitting opponent who kept finding lines early, Nadal beat 51st-ranked Martin Klizan of

Slovakia 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the second round. Nadal's reaction afterward - pumping fists, raising arms aloft, tossing souvenirs to the crowd—was rather over-the-top for a guy who owns 14 Grand Slam titles.

"So happy for the victory. In the end, the match was difficult. After the first set, (it) was even more difficult," said the Spaniard, who is ranked No. 1 and seeded No. 2 but approached this opening-round encounter with some trepidation. "When you go on court and you lost last year in the first round, the year before in the second round ... (I'm not) going to lie ... it stays in your mind."

Next for Nadal is a match against the man who beat him in 2012's second round, Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic.

"He is a very dangerous play-

er; very strong, very powerful at the baseline," Nadal said.

Other past champions in action on Day 2 advanced, too, including Roger Federer, Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova, all in straight sets. Last year, when everything around these parts was turned upside down by surprise after surprise, that trio joined Nadal with early exits; Williams was the last of the group standing, and she departed in the fourth round.

Williams needed to cast aside four break points during a 10-minute first game Tuesday, but after getting that out of the way, breezed to a 6-1, 6-2 win against Anna Tatishvili. Sharapova lost all of one game against British wild-card entry Samantha Murray.

Seven-time champion Federer's 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 victory

dropped Italy's Paolo Lorenzi to 0-13 for his Grand Slam career, while 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt eliminated Michal Przysiezny of Poland 6-2, 6-7 (14), 6-1, 6-4.

"This is what I still play for," said the 33-year-old Hewitt, a former No. 1 now ranked 48th after a series of injury issues. "You do all the hard work to come back and play in places like this. You don't get sick of coming out here and playing at Wimbledon."

One seeded man who lost was No. 29 Ivo Karlovic, beaten by Canada's Frank Dancevic 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

Seeded women on the way out were No. 7 Jelena Jankovic, the 2008 U.S. Open runner-up; No. 28 Svetlana Kuznetsova, a two-time major champion who lost to Michelle Larcher de Bri-

to of Portugal 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; and No. 29 Sorana Cirstea, who was beaten 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 by 18-year-old qualifier Vicky Duval of the United States.

Another U.S. teenager, wild-card entry Taylor Townsend, lost to No. 31 Klara Koukalova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-2, but otherwise there was a strong showing by Americans. No. 9 John Isner, Sam Querrey, Jack Sock, Denis Kudla, Madison Keys and Varvara Lepchenko advanced.

For Nadal, everything comes so easily on red clay, and he just added his record ninth trophy at the French Open. But he says grass is a lot tougher on his knees, which have bothered him off and on for years.

"When I am playing on clay, I don't have to think a lot about what I have to do," Nadal said.

"Here, you need to adjust the movement. You need to adjust the rhythm. You need to find the right feeling on the speed of the ball."

Still, Nadal used to be fine on the green stuff.

He played for the title on five consecutive trips to Wimbledon from 2006-11, winning the championship in 2008 and 2010 (he missed the tournament in 2009 because of a knee injury). But in 2012, he lost to then-100th-ranked Rosol. Last year, Nadal exited in the first round against 135th-ranked Steve Darcis. And this month, Nadal lost his opening match at a grass-court tuneup in Halle, Germany, to 65th-ranked Dustin Brown.

For a little more than a set Tuesday, Nadal ran into trouble again on grass. This time, he turned things around.

## LeBron tells Heat he will become free agent

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

  
**MIAMI** (AP)—LeBron James delivered his message loud and clear, without actually saying a word.

He's willing to leave Miami, if that's what it will take to win more championships. And what happens next will likely be up to not just the Heat, but

Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh as well.

Through his agent, James informed the Heat on Tuesday that he has decided to opt out of the final two years of his contract, a move that means he becomes a free agent on July 1. He will be able to sign with any team, including Miami, and Heat President Pat Riley said he "fully expected" James to take advantage of his early termination option.

"We look forward to sitting

down with LeBron and his representatives and talking about our future together," Riley said.

The Heat have been preparing for this for some time. James, Wade and Bosh all got six-year contracts when they teamed up in Miami in July 2010, the last time free agency was accompanied by the sort of frenzy that will envelop the league over the next few weeks. But each of those deals came with options to leave either this summer or in 2015, in part

to allow both the players and the team to have financial flexibility.

James—who averaged 27.1 points this past season—was owed \$42.7 million for the next two seasons, though that seems irrelevant in the sense that he'll be getting plenty of money from the Heat or someone else for years to come. If he stays with Miami, he could sign a deal that would give the team room to maneuver within the structures of the salary cap and luxury-tax threshold.

So could Wade and Bosh, if they choose to opt out as well—and if both do, Miami would potentially have plenty of cash to spend on roster upgrades. Neither has announced their plans, though both have previously said they want to remain in Miami.

"No news here yet," Wade said Tuesday.

James stayed silent as well, with agent Rich Paul being the one who informed the Heat of the four-time NBA MVP's plan. But last week, while still dealing with the sting of losing the NBA Finals to San Antonio,

James expressed how enticing the idea of flexibility is to him.

"Being able to have flexibility as a professional, anyone, that's what we all would like," James said last week. "That's in any sport, for a football player, a baseball player, a basketball player, to have flexibility and be able to control your future or your present. I have a position to be able to do that. ... There's a lot of times that you're not in control of your future as a professional."

He's in control now. He turns 30 next season. He might just be entering his prime.

## BEST SUNSHINE INTERNATIONAL



### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

[www.bestsunshineint.com](http://www.bestsunshineint.com)

Best Sunshine would like to establish a pool of applicants for the following positions:

1. Executive Assistant
2. Administrative Assistant
3. Accountant

Fluency in the official languages is a plus. Salary is \$7.50/hour or above which is commensurate with experience and education. For job description, application form and more information, please email: [hr@bestsunshineint.com](mailto:hr@bestsunshineint.com). Resume will be required with submission of application. Background check will be required before employment.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Ghilissow for your interest in Best Sunshine!

**BEST SUNSHINE**  
International

# Zimmerman's homer lifts Nats over Brewers in 16

**MILWAUKEE** (AP)—Ryan Zimmerman's two-run home run in the 16th inning lifted the Washington Nationals to a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday.

Zimmerman hit a 2-0 pitch off Mike Fiers (0-1) over the wall in left field to score Adam LaRoche for the Nationals fourth consecutive win.

Tyler Clippard (5-2) pitched a scoreless 15th for the win. Rafael Soriano pitched the 16th for his 18th save.

With one out in the 16th, LaRoche hit a sharp single that bounced off the wall in right field. Zimmerman then hit his third home run of the year to give the Nationals the lead in a game that took 5 hours, 22 minutes.

The Brewers threatened in the 13th, 14th and 15th innings, but couldn't score.

## Diamondbacks 9, Indians 8, 14 innings

In Phoenix, Aaron Hill singled in Gerardo Parra from third in the 14th inning to lift Arizona past Cleveland just past midnight in a game that matched the longest in Chase Field history.

Parra tied his career high with five hits in a game that saw Cleveland tie it with a run in the ninth and both teams score two in the 11th.

At 5 hours, 32 minutes, the game matched the Diamondbacks' 10-9 win against St. Louis on April 3, 2013.

Parra singled off Mark Lowe (0-1), the Indians' 10th pitcher. He stole second and advanced to third on a fly ball.

Carlos Santana's two-run homer put Cleveland up 8-6 in the 11th. David Peralta homered in the bottom of the inning and Ender Inciarte's RBI single tied it.

Josh Collmenter (6-4), the ninth pitcher for Arizona, pitched a scoreless 14th.

## Dodgers 2, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Clayton Kershaw followed his first career no-hitter with eight marvelous innings, and Adrian Gonzalez and Andre Ethier drove in a run apiece to lead Los Angeles.

Kershaw (8-2) allowed six hits and a walk while striking out eight. The two-time Cy Young winner hasn't allowed a run in 21 1-3 innings, spanning his near-perfect game against Colorado on Wednesday — the only runner occurred on an error — and his previous start against Arizona.

Kenley Jansen pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save.

Danny Duffy (4-7) dueled admirably with Kershaw for six innings, allowing one run on four hits and four walks. But the left-hander was done in by a high pitch count, needing a season-high 105, and was eventually lifted to protect his surgically



AP Washington Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman follows through a two-run home run against the Milwaukee Brewers during the 16th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in Milwaukee.

cally repaired shoulder.

## Pirates 6, Rays 5

In St. Petersburg, FL, Andrew McCutchen drove in two runs, Jeff Locke pitched into the eighth inning, and Pittsburgh beat Tampa Bay.

The Pirates have the NL's best record (27-18) since May 6, and moved above .500 (39-38) for the first time since starting the season 7-6.

McCutchen had an RBI single during a three-run third inning that put the Pirates ahead 4-0.

Locke (1-1) allowed three runs and eight hits over 7 1-3 innings. His night ended in the eighth when Evan Longoria trimmed the Rays' deficit to 6-3 with a two-run homer.

Mark Melancon got his 13th save despite giving up Brandon Guyer's two-run single in the ninth that pulled Tampa Bay to 6-5.

Chris Archer (4-5) gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings for the Rays, who have lost 20 of 28.

## Blue Jays 7, Yankees 6

In Toronto, Jose Reyes atoned for a pair of misplays by hitting a leadoff double in the ninth inning and scoring when Yankees third baseman Yangervis Solarte threw away a bunt, lifting Toronto past New York.

The Yankees trailed 6-0 before tying it, then lost their fourth in a row.

Reyes doubled off Adam Warren (1-4) into the right-field corner. Melky Cabrera followed

with a sacrifice bunt, and Warren and Solarte seemed to hesitate over who would field it.

Solarte picked up the ball and threw it past second baseman Brian Roberts covering at first. The ball sailed into foul territory down the right-field line and Reyes trotted home.

Casey Janssen (2-0) worked one inning for the victory.

## White Sox 4, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Jose Quintana allowed one run in seven innings, Gordon Beckham homered and Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak.

Alexei Ramirez had two hits and scored twice for the last-place White Sox, who had lost nine of 11 overall and eight straight on the road.

Quintana (4-7) gave up six hits—including a solo homer by Steve Pearce—struck out eight and walked three. The left-hander was 0-3 in four starts since May 26.

One night after blowing a ninth-inning lead in the series opener, White Sox closer Ronald Belisario entered in the ninth with no outs and a runner on first. He surrendered a pinch-hit RBI single to Delmon Young before getting pinch-hitter Ryan Flaherty to bounce into a double play for his eighth save.

Miguel Gonzalez (4-5) yielded three runs and a career-high tying nine hits in five innings for Baltimore.

## Mets 10, Athletics 1

In New York, slumping outfielder Chris Young homered

twice, Travis d'Arnaud hit a three-run shot in his return from a demotion and the towel-waving New York Mets roughed up Scott Kazmir and Oakland.

Bartolo Colon (8-5) shut down the team that didn't want him back this year despite an 18-win season, pitching four-hit ball for eight innings against the AL West leaders.

Curtis Granderson homered, he and David Wright had RBI groundouts, and Daniel Murphy added a run-scoring single for the Mets, who scored at least 10 runs in consecutive games for the first time since June 28-29, 2011, in Detroit.

Young homered off Kazmir (9-3) in the second, four pitches after Granderson hit a two-run drive for the Mets first back-to-back homers since Sept. 14.

## Phillies 7, Marlins 4

In Philadelphia, Marlon Byrd hit a two-run homer, David Buchanan threw five effective innings and Philadelphia beat Miami.

Buchanan (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits to help the Phillies snap a three-game losing streak. The rookie right-hander struck out Marcell Ozuna on a 3-2 changeup with two runners on and two outs in the fifth, preserving a 4-2 lead. He pumped his fist and shouted as he walked off the mound.

Miami's Garrett Jones hit a two-run homer off B.J. Rosenberg in the eighth. Jonathan Papelbon tossed a scoreless ninth for his 18th save in 20 tries.

Andrew Heaney (0-2) gave up five runs and four hits in five-plus innings in his second career start for the Marlins.

## Braves 3, Astros 2

In Houston, brothers B.J. and Justin Upton tied the major league record for brothers homering in the same game as teammates, accomplishing the feat for the fourth time, to lead Atlanta past Houston.

B.J. Upton's homer was a solo shot off Scott Feldman (3-5) in the third inning that put Atlanta up 2-1. Younger brother Justin connected off Feldman the next inning to push the lead to 3-1.

It was a nice bounce-back game for the brothers, who were coming off a four-game series against Washington in which they went a combined 2 for 27.

Aaron Harang (6-6) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. Craig Kimbrel pitched a scoreless ninth for his 22nd save.

Houston rookie George Springer hit his team-leading 14th home run and Jose Altuve added two hits to give him a major league-best 105.

## Tigers 8, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Ian Kinsler homered in the first at-bat of his return to Texas as an opponent and J.D. Martinez had a tiebreaking two-run shot as the Detroit Tigers beat the Rangers 8-2 on Tuesday night.

The AL Central-leading Tigers won their fifth consecutive game.

Kinsler spent the first eight seasons of his career in Texas before being traded for Prince Fielder in a swap of All-Stars last winter. Kinsler got more cheers than boos when he was introduced in the first inning, then sent a pitch by Colby Lewis (5-5) into the left-field seats.

Martinez homered to center off Lewis in the seventh, a pitch after Victor Martinez doubled, for a 3-1 lead.

Adrian Beltre went 4 for 4 for Texas, pushing his career total to 2,503 hits.

Drew Smyly (4-6) allowed only one unearned run over six innings.

## Cubs 7, Reds 3

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta retired his first 18 batters and struck out nine in seven impressive innings for Chicago.

Arrieta (4-1) was working on a perfect game before rookie Billy Hamilton started the seventh with a single up the middle. The right-hander allowed two runs and three hits while improving to 3-0 with a 1.14 ERA in five June starts.

Anthony Rizzo belted a solo homer for the second straight night for the Cubs, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Welington Castillo drove in two runs, including a sacrifice fly in Chicago's three-run eighth.

Devin Mesoraco homered for the fifth straight game for Cincinnati, matching a franchise record. Mesoraco's 14th homer came with one out in the ninth against Neil Ramirez.

The start of the game was delayed 53 minutes by rain.

Homer Bailey (7-4) retired his first 11 batters, striking out five, for Cincinnati.

## Mariners 8, Red Sox 2

In Seattle, Kyle Seager had an RBI double in the first inning and hit a three-run homer in the fifth off Boston starter Jake Peavy as Seattle won its fifth straight.

The Mariners matched their longest winning streak of the season thanks to another offensive outburst. One night after putting up 12 runs on the Red Sox, Seattle hit two homers and handed Boston its fifth loss in six games.

Seager's homer was his 11th of the season, 10 of those coming at Safeco Field. Mike Zunino followed with a solo shot as part of Seattle's four-run fifth inning. It was Zunino's 10th home run.

Joe Beimel (2-1) got four outs in relief of starter Erasmo Ramirez to get the victory. Ramirez again failed to get deep into the game and was done after 4 1-3 innings.

Peavy (1-6) has allowed 16 homers in 16 starts this season. He was pulled after the fifth and the seven earned runs were a season high.

# Mendoza, Velasco take MVP plums

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Ali'i swept the Most Valuable Player honors in the DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League with guard Kobee Mendoza winning the regular season MVP plum and swingman Raymond Velasco notching the Finals MVP award.

Mendoza bagged the most coveted individual award in the league for leading Ali'i to an unbeaten record (5-0) in the elimination round. He was one of the top scorers on squad and also did a steady quarterbacking job for the eventual champion, which downed I Love Saipan in the finals last Saturday, 74-65. Mendoza capped his season with a team-high 23 points in their title victory, including Ali'i's last eight points.

Helping Mendoza lift Ali'i to victory in the finals was Velasco. The newcomer scored 16 points in the finale with his consecutive baskets in the second quarter allowing Ali'i to open a double-



Mendoza



Velasco

digit spread at halftime, 39-28. The workhorse also made an alley-oop shot in the fourth quarter that halted

I Love Saipan's rally in the closing minutes and teamed up with Ali'i big men in crashing

the board against the much taller and heftier frontliners of their opponents.

Both Velasco and Mendoza received specially crafted trophies during the awards ceremony after the finals game last weekend. Mendoza went home with two individual awards, as he was also named to the Mythical Five, joining I Love Saipan's

Gyles Ruluked, Gwap Gang's

Shane Deleon Guerrero and Sean Rabasto, and Flip Top's Jake Quitugua.

Deleon Guerrero and Rabasto towed Gwap Gang to a semis stint and also handed the team a perfect record (5-0) in Pool B of the league. In the semis, Gwap Gang bowed to Ali'i despite the double-figure scoring of Deleon Guerrero and Rabasto, who tallied 14 and 11 markers in the 68-74 loss.

Quitugua had only 10 markers in their 61-114 defeat at the hands of I Love Saipan for the battle for a finals berth, but was the hero of their 70-67 upset versus Gwap Gang, drilling the go-ahead free throws in the last 1.5 seconds of the match. He had 23 points in that close win and logged twin digits in four of their five victories in the elimination round.

Ruluked had a game-high 26 markers in the finals, keeping I Love Saipan in the match with his inside baskets. He combined for 18 points in the first two games in the semifinals.

# Swimming Festival registration deadline on June 27

the festival."

Representatives of Japan media *Marine Diving Magazine* and Music Bird radio will also be on island to cover the event.

The MVA is inviting all swimmers and snorkelers to discover the underwater wonders of Managaha with a 1.5K course around the island. For 11 consecutive years Managaha has been named

"Best Beach and Snorkeling" at Japan's annual Marine Diving Fair, and local swimmers are invited to join visitors in exploring the submarine beauty of the island this month.

This unique race requires swimmers to must use wetsuits or life jacket and fins along with mask and snorkels. Awards will be given for Overall Male and Female (first, second, and third places), Junior Male and Female (ages 10 and under, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18). Competition age divisions are: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up.

Ferries will depart Smiling Cove Marina to Managaha promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race. The race will begin at 6:30am, followed by

an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The cost is \$25 for Northern Mariana Islands residents with valid I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 27, 2014, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm during the orientation at the American Memorial Park amphitheater on Saipan. Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

Event sponsors include Japan Marine Recreation Association, Japan Recreational Diving Industry Association, Japan Scuba Association, Japan Wetsuits Manufacturers Association, University life Sport Education Society, and Northern Mariana Diving Operators Association. Co-sponsors of the event are Delta Air Lines, Japan Saipan Travel Association, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, DFS Saipan, and the Commonwealth Health Center.

For more information or to register, visit the MVA Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) or call Ed Diaz at 664-3210. (MVA)

## URUGUAY

From Page 28

he said.

About a minute later, the decisive goal was scored on a powerful thrust of head and shoulder from captain Diego Godin that somehow had perfect direction. Italy was down to 10 men since the 59th minute, when Claudio Marchisio received a red card for putting his boot into Egidio Arevalo's knee.

It was the second straight time that Italy, a four-time champion, went out in the first round.

"When you're coming off two defeats without even scoring a goal, we clearly also have to take our share of

that blame," said goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who played on his fifth World Cup squad. After the game, Italy coach Cesare Prandelli immediately resigned and midfield maestro Andrea Pirlo retired from international play.

The draw against England gave Costa Rica, the surprise team of the competition, first place in Group D over three former champions, and gutted more of the European contingent at the tournament.

The Central Americans reached the second round in 1990. But this time they did it as group winner, beating top-rate opposition.

And after an opening loss to

Costa Rica, Uruguay recovered with two victories to keep its tournament alive, four years after a surprising run to the semifinals.

After beating England with two great goals to start the comeback, Suarez turned into the villain on Tuesday. The mercurial forward had already been banned twice for biting over the past four years, once in the Netherlands and once in England. FIFA can sanction players for biting with bans of up to two years.

Uruguay will now play Colombia in an all-South American encounter, with Costa Rica taking on Greece. If anyone had said before the World Cup that either Greece or Costa Rica would be a quarterfinalist, there

would have been precious few believers.

But beyond goals, it also takes upsets like the runs of Costa Rica and Greece to make a World Cup truly great. And with each passing day, the 2014 edition is drawing nearer.

Often chided for being super defensive, Greece needed to go out looking for a win over Ivory Coast and did so from start really right up to the finish. It doubled its total scoring tally at World Cup tournaments with two—the second coming through an injury-time penalty that secured a 2-1 victory and sent much of the crisis hit country into a frenzy, celebrating its first passage ever in the second round.

After Spain already landed back home after a disastrous defense of its title, Tuesday was also the day to wave England out, and not even with a victory.

It lost its first two games and also failed to deflate an ebullient Costa Rica in a 0-0 draw. The English created several chances, but the end result was another bitter setback.

"We are so disappointed not to finish with a victory, but I don't think I have asked for a much better performance," said coach Roy Hodgson.

And finally, showing that high-stakes football still has time for sentiment, Colombia gave a few minutes of play to 43-year-old substitute goal-

keeper Faryd Mondragon, making him the oldest player to compete at a World Cup.

"Faryd has been a very important player for us ... so we gave him the chance," said Colombia coach Jose Pekerman.

Mondragon broke the record set by Cameroon striker Roger Milla, who was 42 when he played in the 1994 finals in the United States.

Colombia already had a safe two-goal cushion over Japan. And Pekerman needn't have worried. Even at 43, Mondragon still made one good save.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	44	35	.557	—
Baltimore	40	36	.526	2 1/2
New York	39	37	.513	3 1/2
Boston	35	43	.449	8 1/2
Tampa Bay	31	48	.392	13

##### Central Division

Detroit	41	32	.562	—
Kansas City	40	37	.519	3
Cleveland	37	40	.481	6
Minnesota	36	39	.480	6
Chicago	36	42	.462	7 1/2

##### West Division

Oakland	47	30	.610	—
Los Angeles	42	33	.560	4
Seattle	42	36	.538	5 1/2
Texas	35	41	.461	11 1/2
Houston	33	45	.423	14 1/2

##### East Division

Washington	41	35	.539	—
Atlanta	39	37	.513	2
Miami	38	39	.494	3 1/2
New York	36	41	.468	5 1/2
Philadelphia	35	41	.461	6

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	47	32	.595	—
St. Louis	42	36	.538	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	39	38	.506	7
Cincinnati	38	38	.500	7 1/2
Chicago	32	43	.427	13

##### West Division

San Francisco	45	32	.584	—
Los Angeles	43	36	.544	3
Colorado	35	42	.455	10
San Diego	34	44	.436	11 1/2
Arizona	33	47	.413	13 1/2

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TBK

From Page 28

Pelicans' key players made it hard for them to match TBK's firepower. TBK's offense had multiple options with Jake Quitugua leading the way with his 24 points. Jerome Reyes chipped in 16, Ivan Devero added 15, and his brother Christian contributed 12. Three other TBK players nailed at least five points apiece.

In the second game, Island

Manpower's guns were also blazing, as it surpassed the century mark to blow out and throttle Docomo.

Island Manpower had a jackrabbit start, sizzling for 35 points in the first period, but led by only 6, as Docomo countered the former's hot shooting, drilling 29 markers. Jerome Norita was on target for Island Manpower, firing 16 points, while James Villacrusis led Docomo with his 9 markers.

In the second frame, Island

Manpower slowed down a bit, but still had 20-plus points, recording 26. Norita was still at it and got help from Ed Pangilinan, Syl Teregeyo, and Cecilio Bisana, who combined for 19 markers to outscore the entire Docomo team and hand Island Manpower a commanding 61-41 halftime edge.

Docomo was held to 12 point

in the second canto, nailing only

four field goals and drawing

more than 2 points from only

one player—James Villacrusis

(6 points). It was a tough uphill climb for Docomo from thereon and the deposed champion never made headway in the second half to mount a comeback.

### First Game

# 21st Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run 7K Winners

PHOTOS BY ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Nathaniel Eugenio gives a thumbs up sign after getting the first place prize in the men's 41 to 50 age group.



Men's 21 to 30 champion John Nekaifes poses with DFS general manager Bruce Lorange.



Boys 13 to 19 winner Seiya Eda shows his prize, while event host Ben Babauta calls on the next winner.



DFS general manager Bruce Lorange, left, poses with U12's 7K top female finisher Coume Kaga, during the awards ceremony for the 21st Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run last Saturday at DFS Galleria.



Men's 31 to 40 top finisher Charlie Sendin and DFS general manager Bruce Lorange smile for the camera.



Over 60 top finisher Suzy Kindel and DFS general manager Bruce Lorange smile for the camera.



Women's 21 to 30 top placer Pipit Ball is all smiles after getting her prize from DFS general manager Bruce Lorange.



Overall top finisher Jesse James poses for a photo with DFS general manager Bruce Lorange.



Women's 41 to 50 champion Sakiko Eda is joined by DFS general manager Bruce Lorange for a photo opportunity.



First female Lorie Hutchinson, left, shows her prize.



**Zimmerman's  
homer lifts  
Nats over  
Brewers in 16**  
**PAGE 25**

# Saipan Tribune Sports

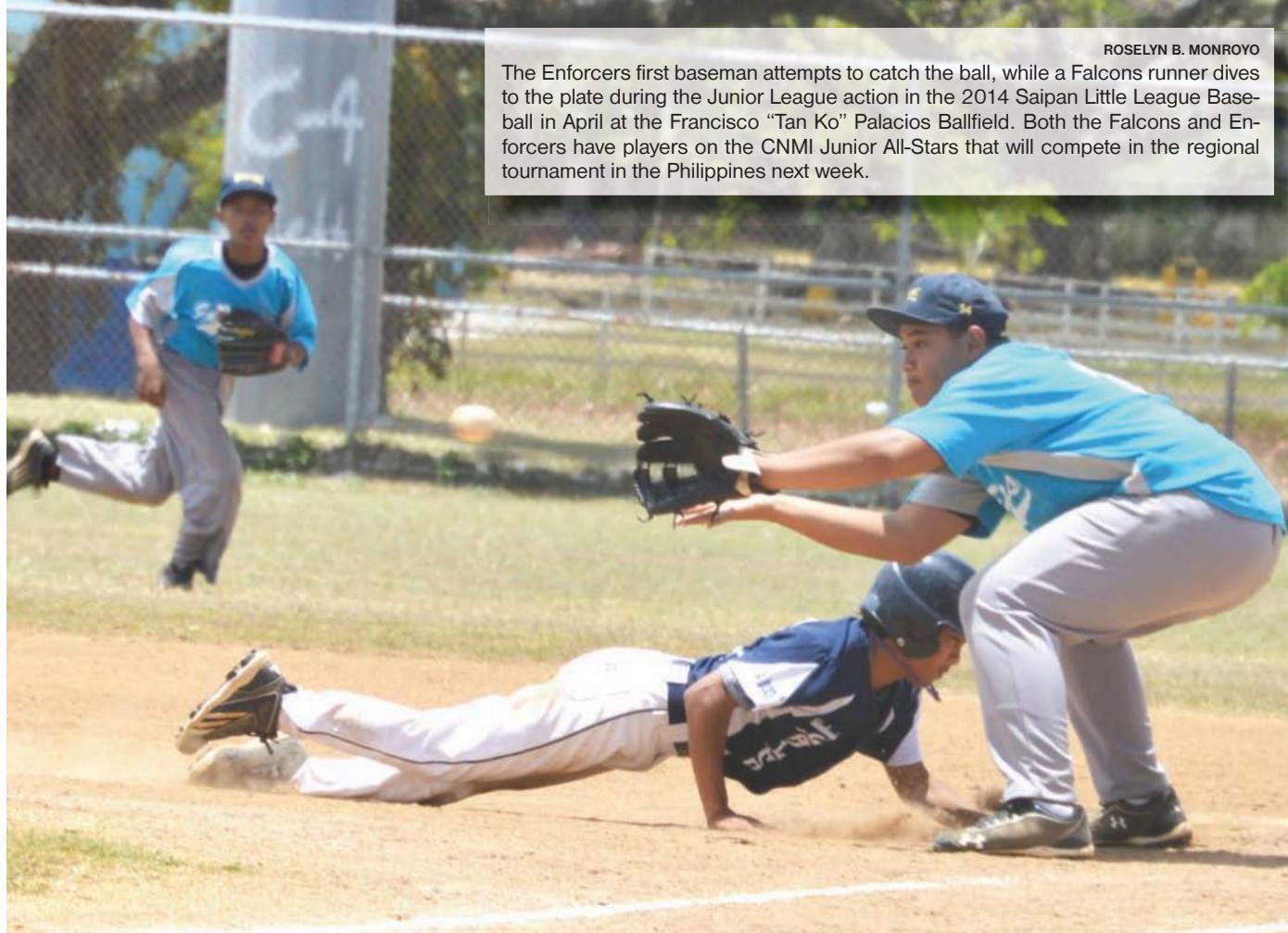
**Nadal's grass-  
court winning  
streak now  
stands at 1**  
**PAGE 24**



**28** THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## CNMI Junior All-Stars aim to end drought



**ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
The Enforcers first baseman attempts to catch the ball, while a Falcons runner dives to the plate during the Junior League action in the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball in April at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Both the Falcons and Enforcers have players on the CNMI Junior All-Stars that will compete in the regional tournament in the Philippines next week.

**By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The CNMI Junior All-Stars will be on a mission when they compete in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines, starting next week.

"We are aiming to end our World Series drought," team manager Bernard Cabrera said in a telephone interview a day before the squad was set to leave for the tournament.

Cabrera, coaches Greg Camacho and Henry Lizama, and the 14-player CNMI Junior All-Stars left Saipan early this morning for the regional competition that will take place from June 28 to July 6 at Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales. The CNMI roster is composed of Donavin Ada, Kier Agda, Kimo Angailen, Donnie Fejerman, Benen Iguel, Tindin Deleon Guerrero, Christian Lizama,



Aurel Mendiola, Brandon Pua, Delin Reusora, Lorenzo Sebaklim, Virgil Secharmidal, Jaydon Tenorio, and Nathaniel Torres.

"We have a pretty strong team with a good mix of good hitters and pitchers. They are all set to play their best game after months of training. Hopefully, we will be able to deliver and get back to the World Series," Cabrera said.

The last time the CNMI made it to the World Series in the Junior League division was in 2009 when it finished the pool play with a 2-2 record.

**See CNMI on Page 26**

## TBK, Island Manpower enter semis

**By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



TBK and Island Manpower cruised their way to the semifinals of the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League.

TBK routed the Pelicans, 102-88, in the first quarterfinal match last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, while Island Manpower also eased past deposed champion Docomo Pacific in the second game, 102-88, to march into the semifinals. Island Manpower will play in the first semis tiff tonight against Shocker Nation at 6pm, while TBK will challenge the undefeated San Antonio in the second Final Four pairing at 8pm.

A rousing start allowed TBK to coast to the easy win, as it led by double digits at the end of the first period, 27-12. Christian Devero anchored TBK's strong start, scoring 8 of his 12 points in the first quarter, while Rodney Catalla hit two early triples.

TBK maintained the comfortable lead in the last three quarters, as he came in late for the Pelicans. Luizi Reyes reported for duty only in the fourth period and though he scored 9 points and the Pelicans outgunned

TBK in that canto, 32-21, these were not enough to overhaul the big deficit that stood at 35 after the first three quarters, 56-81. Trevor Ogunmoro also came in

late in the final canto and was scoreless.

The absence of some of the

**See TBK on Page 26**



**ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
Island Manpower's Syl Teregeyo drives against Docomo Pacific's Marlon Sison, left, and Jose Tudela during the third quarter of their playoff game in the DL Corp. caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Uruguay beats Italy to advance; Greece late winner

**By RAF CASERT**  
AP SPORTS WRITER



Underscoring a power shift away from Europe, Uruguay fought—and apparently even bit—its way to a 1-0 victory over Italy Tuesday to move to the World Cup's next round with Costa Rica, which sent England home without a single

victory after a goalless draw.

South America's strength was further highlighted when Colombia capped its perfect record in Group C with a 4-1 win over Japan. Europe did get one team through when Greece converted an injury time penalty for a 2-1 victory over Ivory Coast which eliminated the African team.

The evening excitement though could hardly match yet another controversy to haunt Uruguay striker Luis Suarez. Around 80 minutes in, Suarez and Giorgio Chiellini tangled,

with replays showing Suarez seemingly biting the shoulder of the Italian defender. It would make Suarez, amazingly, a triple carnivorous offender on the pitch in four years.

"It was absolutely clear. There's even a mark," Chiellini said.

The referee didn't see a bite, and no foul was called. Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez only had eyes on the result. "For me, and for all the people in Uruguay, we had more important things,"

**See URUGUAY on Page 26**



Uruguay's Diego Godin, left, celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during the group D World Cup soccer match between Italy and Uruguay at the Arena das Dunas in Natal, Brazil, Tuesday, June 24, 2014. **AP**